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## META INDIA APOLOGISES FOR ZUCK'S REMARK THAT NDA LOST LS POLLS

Meta India on Wednesday apologised for CEO Mark Zuckerberg's incorrect claim that the NDA government lost the 2024 Lok Sabha elections

## INADVERTENT ERROR, SAYS TECH FIRM'S V-P

Meta India's Vice President Shivnath Thukral took to X on Wednesday to tender an apology on behalf of the company for the "inadvertent error". "Mark's observation that many incumbent parties were not re-elected in 2024 holds true for several countries, BUT not India," Thukral said responding to Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw's criticism of the remark

## COMPANY AVOIDS PARLIAMENTARY SUMMONS

■ BJP MP Nishikant Dubey, who heads Parliament's panel on Communications and Information Technology, said the matter is now closed. He had earlier said the panel will summon Meta India  
■ Zuckerberg triggered a row by claiming in a podcast that the NDA gov't lost the 2024 election due to its weak Covid response | P9

1 billion

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# CM defers tabling of caste census report

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah, who was keen on taking up the Socio-Economic and Education Survey report, often referred to as the caste census, at Thursday's cabinet meeting, now seems to be not so sure. Just three days after he made the statement about tabling the report in the cabinet, he said on Wednesday that they are not tabling it now, but will take it up in subsequent cabinet meetings.



cabinet meeting had initially listed it as "opening of sealed cover of the study report on the data of the Social and Educational Survey - 2015 submitted by the Karnataka State Backward Classes Commission," but after the CM's statement in New Delhi, it was removed from the revised agenda.

The survey was conducted during Siddaramaiah's first tenure as CM between 2013 and 2018 when H Kantharaju was heading the Karnataka State Permanent Backward Classes Commission. It was submitted in February

last year by then chairman Jayaprakash Hegde. Since then, Vokkaligas and Lingayats, including the religious heads of these prominent communities, have raised objections to the report.

Siddaramaiah, during an event in Vijayanagara district on Sunday, however, said that despite opposition, the government will table it before the cabinet as already Rs 160 crore had been spent preparing the report. "We will take necessary

action in the coming days," he said in Delhi on Wednesday.

Interestingly, just hours before his statement, Karnataka Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara said the report will be taken up in the cabinet on Thursday. The government spent taxpayers' money on the survey and it is the government's duty to tell people what is in it, he said. "Accepting it or not is up to the government. We all will get to know the abstract of the report," he added.



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Karnataka Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara



Sonia Gandhi inaugurates the new All India Congress Committee HQ at 9A, Kotla Road, in New Delhi on Wednesday | P11

# Rahul's claim of fighting Indian state draws BJP ire

PARVEZ SULTAN AND RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

A rather sharp attack by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday against RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's recent remarks, drew heavy retaliatory fire from BJP's biggies. At the inaugural event of the party's headquarters here, Rahul criticised Bhagwat's claim that India achieved "true independence" only after the Ram temple consecration, saying it amounts to treason.

"Bhagwat has the audacity to say to the country what he thinks about the independence movement and the Constitution. What he said yesterday is treason... Because he is stating that the Constitution is invalid and the fight against the British was invalid... In any other country, he would have been arrested and tried," Rahul claimed.

Rahul went on to say that the BJP and RSS have captured almost every institution in our country, adding

the Congress is now fighting not just both of them but the Indian state itself.

In its pushback, the BJP launched a bazooka against Rahul for claiming the Congress was fighting the Indian state. Party president J P Nadda, finance minister Nirjala Sitharaman, IT cell head Amit Malviya and others castigated Rahul for his 'objectionable' remark, adding it exposed his mindset against India.



The BJP and RSS have captured every single institution in this country and we are now fighting the BJP, the RSS and the Indian state itself

Rahul Gandhi, Congress leader

Congress has a history of encouraging all those forces who want a weak India. Their greed for power meant compromising the nation's integrity

J P Nadda, BJP president

"I compliment Mr Rahul Gandhi for saying clearly what nation knows that he is fighting the Indian state. It is not a secret that Mr Gandhi and his ecosystem have close links with Urban Naxal and the deep state who want to defame, demean and discredit India," Nadda alleged.

Sitharaman wondered why Rahul carried a copy of the Constitution when he was using such language.

Malviya said, "Rahul Gandhi has now declared an open war against the Indian State itself. This is straight out of George Soros's playbook."

The Congress got its new headquarters 47 years after the party made bungalow No. 24, Akbar Road its temporary head office. Parliamentary Party chief Sonia Gandhi inaugurated the swanky office. Party president Mallikarjun Kharge said Indira Bhawan, the new HQ, had been built on the foundation of democracy, nationalism, secularism, inclusive development and social justice.

# Deal reached to pause Gaza war, free hostages

Will kick in on Sunday, says Qatar premier; Trump takes credit for the ceasefire pact

AGENCIES

AFTER more than 15 months of grueling war, Israel and Hamas agreed to a ceasefire deal and the release of dozens of hostages, multiple officials confirmed on Wednesday.

Trump, who had warned Hamas of hell to pay if it did not free the remaining captives before he took office, said, "We have a deal for the hostages in the Middle East. They will be released shortly. Thank you!"

The deal comes after mediators Qatar, Egypt and the United States intensified their efforts in recent days to cement an agreement. Qatari Prime Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani said the deal would come into effect on Sunday.

Three officials from the US and one from Hamas confirmed that a deal had been reached, while Netanyahu's office said that final details were still unresolved, but that it hoped "details will be finalised tonight". The pact is expected to be discussed by the Israeli cabinet on Thursday.

US President Joe Biden hailed the breakthrough agreement, asserting it is the result of the pressure and isolation placed on Hamas along with determined US diplomacy.

The deal is expected to deliver an initial six-week halt to fighting that is to be accompanied by the opening of negotiations on ending the war altogether. Egypt is exploring the possibility of opening the Rafah crossing to sent aid.

The deal promises the release of dozens of hostages held by

Hamas in phases in exchange for the release of hundreds of Palestinian prisoners in Israel. It would also allow hundreds of thousands of people displaced in Gaza to return to what remains of their homes.

Soon after the news broke, thousands of Gazans gathered in groups, hugging and taking photos with their mobile phones to mark the announcement in central Gaza's Deir el-Balah and other area. Earlier, over 100 hostages were freed from Gaza in 2023.

Trump said his Mideast envoy, Steve Witkoff, would continue "to work closely with Israel and our Allies to make sure Gaza NEVER again becomes a terrorist safe haven."

Hamas triggered the war with its October 7, 2023, attack, which killed some 1,200 Israelis. Israel responded with a fierce offensive that has killed 46,000 Palestinians.



We have a deal for the hostages in the Middle East. They will be released shortly. Thank you  
Donald Trump



Protesting relatives and friends of people killed and abducted by Hamas and taken into Gaza, relieved after news broke on the truce deal, in Tel Aviv, on Wednesday | AP

# Exports down for the second month in a row in Dec '24

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

INDIA's merchandise exports contracted 1% year-on-year even as imports rose 4.9% in December 2024, government data released on Wednesday showed. The trade deficit narrowed to \$21.94 billion in December month-on-month compared to \$32 billion in November as gold imports halved to \$4.7 billion. In November 2024, gold imports had surged 186% year-on-year to \$9.9 billion. In December 2023, the merchandise trade deficit was \$18.76 billion.

Services exports during the month rose by 3.25% year-on-year, while imports grew 12%. Total trade deficit (merchandise plus services) widened to \$6.78 billion in December 2024 compared to \$2.76 billion in the year-ago period.

Merchandise exports during April-December 2024 were \$321.71 billion compared to \$316.65 billion during April-December 2023. Merchandise imports during the period were \$532.48 billion compared to \$506.39 billion a year ago. Merchandise trade deficit during the nine-month period of the current financial year widened to \$210.77 billion from \$189.74 billion a year ago.

Total exports during April-December 2024 is estimated at \$602.64 billion, registering 6.03% growth.

According to Deepali Agrawal, deputy MD of India Exim Bank, the trade data highlights India's sustained growth momentum in non-oil, non-gems and jewellery exports, aided by robust contribution from labour, tech-intensive manufacturing sectors.

## EXPRESS READ

### MUDA: Lokayukta will continue probe, says HC

Bengaluru: The Karnataka High Court on Wednesday allowed the Lokayukta police to continue its investigation into the alleged irregularities in the allotment of sites to CM Siddaramaiah's wife BM Parvathy by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) | P4

### POCSO: Foolproof case against BSY, SPP tells HC

Bengaluru: There is a foolproof case against senior BJP leader and former CM Yediyurappa in the POCSO case and the recorded conversation between him and the victim references what happened between them, argued SPP before the Karnataka High Court on Wednesday | P4

# BCom, CA test timing clash, B'luru City varsity defers exams indefinitely

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IN a chaotic turn of events, Bengaluru City University (BCU) first postponed its undergraduate first-semester examination from 9.30am to 2pm on January 16, only to announce another last-minute postponement without specifying a new date.

The abrupt changes left thousands of students, especially those appearing for the Chartered Accountancy (CA) foundation exams, grappling with stress and confusion.

The university issued its first notification at 4.30pm Wednesday, informing students

and principals about the timing change. This created a direct clash with the CA foundation exam, also scheduled for 2pm on January 16.

Later in the evening, Bengaluru City University issued another announcement, postponing the exams indefinitely, without providing a new date, citing "unavoidable reasons".

In this regard, a BCom student who is concurrently preparing for the CA exams, had approached former education minister S Suresh Kumar, after receiving the unexpected notification from the university on Wednesday, just hours before the exam.

It informed her of the schedule change without providing any explanation, and only cited 'unavoidable reasons'.

Suresh Kumar then contacted Higher Education Minister Dr MC Sudhakar and requested him to look into the matter.

Students had previously too raised concerns about overlapping exam schedules between the BCU and CA exams.

Despite the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) releasing its exam timetable in September, Bengaluru City University published its own schedule on December 13, which clashed with the CA exams.



# Sue mastermind of Pannun plot, says top panel

MUKESH RANJAN @New Delhi

A high-powered committee set up by the government in the wake of a botched operation to bump off Khalistani radical Gurupatwant Singh Pannun on US soil, recommended legal action against 'an individual' who masterminded the plot.

While the report did not name the individual, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) identified him as Vikash Yadav.

In its lookout notice, the FBI said Yadav was wanted in a "murder-for-hire case; conspiracy to commit murder-for-hire; and money laundering". The US District Court, Southern

District of New York, issued an arrest warrant against him on October 10, 2024.

The home ministry said in a statement that the panel was formed in 2023 to probe the individual's links with the drug mafia and criminal gangs after allegations that a plot was hatched to disturb American security interest in 2023.

"After a long enquiry, the Committee has recommended legal action against an individual, whose earlier criminal links and antecedents also came to notice during the enquiry," the ministry said.

Yadav was with the Research and Analysis

Wing (R&AW) when the alleged plot to bump off Pannun went sideways. He was later sacked.

The ministry said the panel recommended expeditious legal action against him.

While announcing the constitution of the high-powered committee in November 2023, the External Affairs Ministry had said it will look into all relevant aspects of the matter.

"The Enquiry Committee conducted its own investigations and also pursued leads provided by the US side. It received full cooperation from US authorities and the two sides also exchanged visits. The Committee further examined a number of officials from different agencies and also scrutinised relevant documents in

this connection." It added that the panel recommended "functional improvements in systems and procedures as also initiation of steps that could strengthen India's response capability, ensure systematic controls and coordinated action in dealing with matters like this".

Yadav is accused of recruiting Nikhil Gupta in May 2023 to hire the killer, who turned out to be an undercover US agent. Gupta was arrested in Prague and was subsequently extradited to the US.

In December 2023, Yadav was arrested by Delhi Police in a case of kidnapping and extortion lodged against him. He is currently on bail in this case.

The home ministry's statement comes days before president-elect Donald Trump takes the oath of office in the US.

Yadav and his co-conspirator arranged for an associate to deliver \$15,000 in cash in New York as an advance payment for the murder — FBI's wanted person notice





# BDA GEARS UP TO AUCTION 80 VILLAS OF HUNNIGERE PROJECT

At e-auction, highest bid of ₹1.35cr for 4BHK, ₹1.14cr for 3BHK; Commissioner's nod awaited

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

BUOYED by the good response received during a recent auction of a sample of its costliest houses built, the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has now decided to go in for an auction of 80 of its villas at its Hunnigere housing project. Located in the Dasanapura Hobli between Tumakuru Road and Magadi Road, the project has 322 villas.

The project comprises 172 4BHKs and 150 3BHKs and was supposed to be up for sale six months ago. The process has finally commenced.

A top BDA official told *TNIE*, "We recently obtained the Occupancy Certificate as well as the Commencement Certificate for the Hunnigere project. After that, we wanted to assess the demand for these villas and conducted a small e-auction for just three 4BHKs and 3 BHKs. The highest bid for the 4BHK was Rs 1.35 crore, while the maximum bid for the 3BHK was Rs 1.14 crore. The results are heartening and above our expectations. We have now decided to fix these figures as the cost for the villas."

The BDA will shortly auction

80 more villas, of which 50 will be 4BHK.

"The proposal has been sent to the BDA commissioner and his consent is awaited. They will not be auctioned in one go but in phases," he said. The easy access to prime roads like Tumakuru Road as well as Magadi Road is the biggest plus for these houses.

Another official said that EV charging facility in the parking space for all houses, dual pipeline system, recreation centre with swimming pool, badminton court, primary health centre, two restaurants and a creche are among its special features.

## KANMINIKE MELA AGAIN

The day-long 'Flat Mela' by the BDA at its Kanminike housing project on December 14 last year proved to be a big hit with 180 houses of 2BHK and 3BHK dimensions sold on the spot. "We will be organising another mela on Saturday due to public demand, and the terrific response that we received," the official added. A total of 1369 flats are available for sale here, with the 2BHK flats priced between Rs 25 lakh and Rs 30 lakh depending on the dimensions, while the 3BHK flats are priced between Rs 40 lakh and Rs 64 lakh.



# BWSSB cuts service to 100 buildings, sewage floods roads

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

THE Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has disconnected its services to around 100 illegal and unauthorised buildings in the Whitefield ward. This is in accordance with the Supreme Court direction against such buildings and Lokayukta notices to civic agencies like BWSSB and

BESCOM to take necessary action against unauthorised structures. As a result, raw sewage from these buildings is now flooding BBMP's side drains and main roads. BWSSB officials said that BBMP officials now have to take action and raze such illegal buildings or face criminal contempt charges.



"We are going by the rules. There is a Supreme Court direction to take action against illegal buildings. The Lokayukta also is watching the developments, and not taking action will lead to dereliction of duty and also criminal contempt of court. Once we have confirmation about the illegal status of a building, we send

notices and disconnect services," said a BWSSB official.

BWSSB Executive Engineer Mirza Anwar said the onus of taking action, like demolishing unauthorised buildings, is on BBMP engineers.

Residents said that ECC Road, Borewell Road and other streets in Whitefield have been flooded with sewage over the last few days. "The city administration has not been able to

provide basic facilities. The situation is created because of BBMP officials, who allowed such illegal buildings to come up," they lamented.

"Had the BBMP zonal commissioner or joint commissioner and ward engineers stopped these unauthorised constructions at least three years ago, the area would not have been flooded with raw sewage now," said a resident.



A 10-foot tall statue of Valmiki along with a replica of the anthill where he meditated are part of this year's Republic Day Lalbagh flower show | NAGARAJA GADEKAL



# From Valmiki ashram to anthill — Lalbagh flower show to enthrall city from today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE iconic flower show at the Lalbagh Botanical Garden organised ahead of the Republic Day will begin on January 16 (today). The 217th flower show is themed around Maharshi Valmiki and will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

Nearly 5.5 lakh flowers will be used to create a replica of the hut in which the sage resided. Also, a 10-ft tall statue of Valmiki will be on display along with a replica of an anthill, in which he meditated. Also, a replica of the ashram of Valmiki will be recreated, evoking the setting at the Triveni confluence of the Tamasa, Sonu, and Gandaki rivers in

Chitwan National Park in Nepal.

At the entrance of the Glass House, exotic orchids such as dendrobium, vanda, mocara, and cattleya, and other flowers will welcome the visitors. Apart from the usual fruit and flower show, competitions on Ikebana, vegetable carving, bonsai, and Dutch flower arranging will be held, said an official.

Hundreds of kgs of chrysanthemums and 1.5 lakh Dutch roses have been used to make the anthill model.

The official said that resource persons, members of the Maharshi Valmiki Gurupeth, Rajanahalli, and representative and members of several other organisations have given their suggestions to design the flower show.

## AT A GLANCE

TICKET PRICE: ₹80

per person on weekdays;

₹100 on weekends

For children, ₹30 per child

on all days.

The entry for school

children in uniform is free.

The show will be held

between 10am and

6:30pm on all days

characters and events from the Ramayana with a brief explanation.

Paludarium—a specialized system that merges elements of an aquarium with terrestrial plant cultivation—will be installed around the Glass House, allowing visitors to view an array of tropical flora grown in an aquatic environment. This unique display highlights the beauty and adaptability of plant life in conditions that mimic both water and land ecosystems.

Meanwhile, elaborate security arrangements are in place as over 10 lakh visitors are expected to visit the flower show. To address health emergencies, 38 first aid boxes and a mini-hospital with 3 paramedical teams have also been set up.

# Intl Battery Company's ₹390 crore GigaFactory to come up in B'luru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE International Battery Company (IBC), renowned manufacturer of lithium-ion batteries, is set to commence production at its GigaFactory Unit in Bengaluru within nine months. The Rs 390 crore investment project is expected to generate 300 direct employment opportunities.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new unit was held on Wednesday, at the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development

Board in the Information Technology Investment Region (ITIR). The state government has allocated 10 acres of land near the Foxconn unit to facilitate this facility, which will be established in collaboration with Mahanagar Gas Limited.

Minister for Large and Medium Industries, MB Patil, who made the announcement, highlighted that the unit aims to export 20% of its production to the US and European Union markets. Currently, IBC produces lith-

ium-ion cells at its 35,000-square-foot facility in South Korea, which are then transported to India for the final assembly of the battery packs. The first

phase of investment at the KIADB ITIR unit will enable the local manufacture of lithium-ion cells, marking the first time such cells will be produced in India. These locally manufactured cells will be used to create battery packs for small mobility solutions, including two-wheelers and three-wheelers.

## EXPRESS READ

### IIMB to host IMR Doctoral Conference

Bengaluru: The Indian Institute of Management Bangalore is set to host the 16th edition of its flagship IMR Doctoral Conference (IMRDC 2025) on January 17 and 18. Organised by IIMB Management Review, the institute's flagship quarterly journal, in collaboration with the Office of the Doctoral Programme, the conference will adopt a hybrid format this time to accommodate both in-person and virtual participants. The conference received around 100 full paper submissions from Indian and global management schools, of which 11 papers have been selected for presentation. The two-day event will feature a panel discussion, and paper presentations by doctoral students. Professor Viral V Acharya, CV Starr Professor of Economics at New York University Stern School of Business, will deliver the keynote address on, "Banking Sector in India: The Past, the Present, and the Future." Prof Acharya will delve into the stabilisation of the banking sector post the Global Financial Crisis, explore the opportunities and challenges posed by digital finance and competition, and discuss the implications for risk management and financial stability. On the second day, a panel discussion "Academic Job Market: Recruiters' Perspective" will be moderated by Professor Chetan Subramanian, RBI Chair Professor in Economics at IIMB.

### Bank of Baroda launches 'BoB Liquid FDs'

Bengaluru: To cater to the evolving needs of savers, Bank of Baroda has introduced 'BoB Liquid Fixed Deposits', a unique alternative to the traditional fixed deposit (FD). The feature includes flexible deposit amounts starting at ₹5,000, tenure options ranging from 12 to 60 months and partial withdrawals accepted in multiples of ₹1,000. Further, no pre-payment penalty is levied for premature withdrawals on FDs up to ₹5 lakh that have completed a tenor of at least 12 months, a press release said.

### No Channasandra train stoppage till Feb-end

Bengaluru: Due to ongoing construction works on Platform 1 and for the ramp of the Foot Over Bridge at Channasandra railway station, three pairs of trains will not stop here until February 28, 2025. An official release said the temporary elimination of stoppages at Channasandra was earlier notified upto December 31, 2024. \*KSR Bengaluru-Sri Sathya Sai Prashanthi Nilayam-KSR Bengaluru MEMU (Train No. 66559/66560) \*KSR Bengaluru-Dharmavaram-KSR Bengaluru MEMU (Tr No. 06595/06596) \*KSR Bengaluru-Kolar-Bengaluru Cantonment MEMU (Tr No. 66591/66592)

## Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

16<sup>th</sup> January: The fact that today is traditionally linked with benevolent Jupiter only enhances current Jupiterian alignments, reinforcing everything that I've said about the virtues of optimism and enthusiasm—but also the risks of laziness, careless risk-taking and complacency.

### ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)

If anything, sociable stars can only get stronger. The entire key to the present period lies in your personal relationships, not just with intimate partners but with everyone—from the powerful and famous to ordinary people. Keep a sharp question under close review.

### TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)

On no account allow loved ones or other members of the family to undermine your confidence and self-esteem. You are far too vulnerable at the moment and must try to toughen yourself up. Don't build emotional molehills into insuperable, unclimbable mountains.

### GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

The Moon's relationship with Mars is rather curious. But why, you ask, should this bother you? Well, for a start you should watch out for legal complications, so don't transgress any laws. Secondly, you must avoid people who are fighting battles of principle.

### CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Financial affairs may intrude into your conscious mind today, though I don't think there'll be any direful results. It's more likely that you'll see a way to prosper from some sort of joint investment or spending. However, while your instincts may be telling you that, final agreements happen to be delayed for a few days, they may not be something to your advantage.

### LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)

You're now into an extremely bright social period which should last over the next two days. If you want to make the most of your life, put all commitments to one side and make more time for sheer pleasure. And remember that some people close to you are under great strain and need your consideration.

### VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

The pleasant side of work, whether formal employment or domestic chores, is to be found in personal relationships. So, whatever you're doing, make it your first priority to team up with other likeminded people. This, I feel, is a time for all people of goodwill to stick together.

### LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

Events over the next few days should improve the working pattern of your life. The price, though, may be your willingness to say goodbye to ties or associations which have outlived their usefulness. It's a law of life that all endings are followed by new beginnings, so look on the bright side.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

If ever there was a time to change tactics at home, this is it. You may realise family relationships and help useful enterprises on their way. You probably understand current difficulties better than anyone, which means that you're in the best position to do something about them.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

You may have to cancel long-standing arrangements to keep the peace with associates and loved ones. However, any venture that is abandoned will quickly be replaced by one that is more to your taste. That, at least, is the theory. In practice nothing will happen unless you make the right moves.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

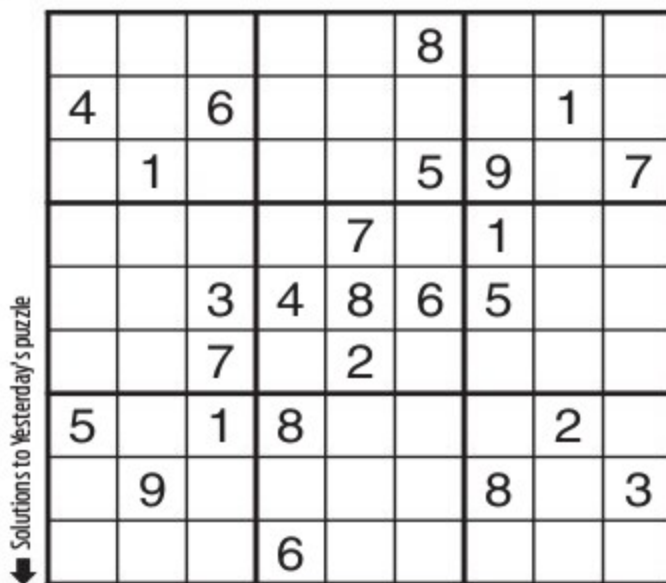
This is without doubt bound to be one of the most family-focused periods of the year for you. It's worth bearing in mind that you won't be truly successful as far as worldly ambitions are concerned unless you feel emotionally secure. If you have any secret fears, then your first step should be to seek reassurance.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Personally and professionally, this should be a rewarding phase. The number of planets acting solidly in your support is now increased to three, which means that there is nothing that can faze you. You can probably talk the hind legs off a donkey, which is a nice way of saying that you can persuade almost anybody to do almost anything!

### PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)

Matters of a professional and public nature may be set aside for a while for a number of very good reasons. For a start, you must concentrate on purely monetary affairs and, secondly, your very special ambitions cannot be tied down by any specific job or career.



## SUDOKU EVIL

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



## CROSS WORD

### ACROSS

- Porter found gold ring after party (10)
- An essential part of thieves' language (5)
- Art venue for top people in the theatre (7)
- It gets down to sorting the list (7)
- Bad lighting (5)
- Pulse taken during the soup course perhaps (6)
- He has start of a cold; twitching and feverish (6)
- Widespread current issue (5)
- Recycled a minor article in the country (7)
- Cleaning wood in the annex (7)
- Buy another drink? It's a pleasure! (5)
- A palace for Windsor perhaps (5,5)

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1. Combo, 2. Spider, 9. Rubella, 10. Draft, 11. Open, 12. Eyesore, 13. First person, 14. Dates, 20. Uppet, 22. Adore, 23. Opinion, 24. Discus, 25. Weekly.

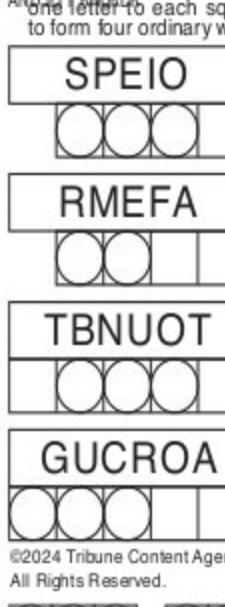
### DOWN

- Talk of having nothing to share (7)
- A justifiable claim can't be left (5)
- Birds - but not birdies (6)
- Beat up stale mixture (7)
- Nautical hazards mean one takes in sail (5)
- Outgoing trade? (5,5)
- New towels tend to lead a regular life (6,4)
- It's foolish putting it in any other way (7)
- Offers received by nurses without hesitation (7)
- Such a fare is economical (6)
- Given rotten roles - he can't win (5)
- Tom's turn to provide a saying (5)

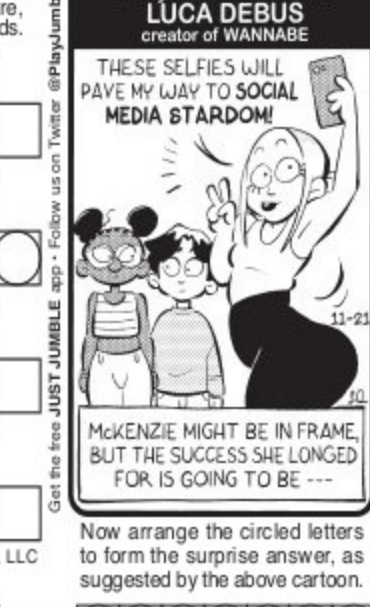
Down: 1. Carrot, 2. Ambie, 3. Ballard, 5. Padre, 6. Diebold, 7. Rafter, 8. Water pistol, 14. Igneous, 15. Routine, 16. Edward, 17. Stingy, 19. Ties, 21. Slick.

## JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLE WORDS TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS. EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.



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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)



## TECHIE, FRUIT VENDOR GO ON KEY HUNT, CLEAN OUT LOCKED HOMES

Cops arrest accused, recover gold jewellery

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
@ Bengaluru

SLIPPING the house key under a pot, on in a shoe rack outside the front door, is leaving an open invitation to thieves. Cracking two separate cases, city police arrested two persons — a techie and a fruit vendor — for stealing valuables from locked houses. The modus operandi of the two thieves was similar: they did not enter the locked homes by force, but would search for the main door keys in shoe racks and flower pots.

The software engineer, K Murthy, a BCA degree holder and a resident of Bommanahalli, was working for an IT firm for two years. He then got addicted to online gambling and started losing all his earnings. He quit his job and started committing theft. Begur police, who arrested him, recovered Rs 18.53 lakh worth of stolen gold ornaments from him. The accused is wanted in eight cases, of which six were reported in Begur police station limits and



the remaining two in Surya City police limits. The accused would pledge the stolen ornaments with gold loan firms. Police recovered the ornaments from the firms where he had pledged them.

"The accused would dress well and go in search of locked houses. He would enter residential complexes on the pretext of searching for a house on rent. If he found a key inside a shoe rack or flower pot, he would enter and steal valuables, then lock the door and keep the keys in the same spot," said an officer.

### MOTHER OF FOUR WANTED IN 31 CASES

The other case involves 33-year-old Jayanthi, a resident of Hennur and a habitual thief who was arrested by Hennur police. Nearly 110gm of gold ornaments worth around Rs 7.8 lakh were recovered from her. The woman is wanted in 31 house theft cases. Jayanthi, a mother of four children, was finding it difficult to look after them as she was not getting any support from her husband. She was making a living selling fruits, but since the earnings were less, she became a full time thief. She would go around with the pushcart under the pretext of selling fruits, and if she saw any locked houses, she would check for any keys outside. She operated mainly in East division. Jayanthi would sell the stolen gold ornaments in jewellery shops. Investigations are on.

## Trio nabbed for gang rape of two minor girls in Belagavi dist

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@ Belagavi

WITHIN 24 hours of the complaint being filed, police arrested three accused in the rape of two minor girls at Harugeri village in Raibag taluk of Belagavi.

Disclosing this at a press conference, Superintendent of Police (SP) Bheemashankar Guled said the arrested are Abhishek, Kautub Banu alias Bapusa Ba-

diger and Adilsha Jamadar, all residents from Harugeri.

He said Abhishek had developed a friendship with the victim (complainant) on social media. He convinced her to go to a jatra (fair) at Saundatti with him. She was accompanied by her friend, who is also a minor. Guled said the complainant and her friend were picked up by Abhishek in a car, in which Kautub and Jamadar were

present. However, instead of going to the fair, Abhishek brought them to a hillock where he and Kautub allegedly raped the complainant.

Guled said that while the complainant was raped and brought back to the car, she found that Jamadar was raping her friend inside the vehicle. The accused threatened both

the victims, before releasing them. The victims were in shock and did not know what to do next, he said.

Three days ago, Abhishek called the victim on her mobile phone and asked her to come along with her friend to Goa for a picnic, said Guled.

The accused warned the girl that if they refuse to come with

him, he will release the videos and photos taken by him on social media. This forced the victim to disclose the incident to her family members, who immediately approached police.

Following the complaint, the police took the trio into custody, Guled said.

Police have also seized the evidence recorded in the mobile phone of the main accused.



### KUMBH OF SOUTH

Around 22 lakh devotees descended on Gavisiddheshwara Mutt in Koppal to take part in the annual chariot festival, known as the 'Kumbh Mela of South India' on Wednesday evening. Hundreds of stalls were set up in and around the mutt and in a first, 22 lakh jaggery jalebis were made for the devotees | EXPRESS

### EXPRESS READ

#### 5 held for forging K'buragi Palike commissioner's signature, withdrawing Rs 36.56 lakh

Kalaburagi: Kalaburagi police have arrested five people for withdrawing Rs 36.56 lakh by forging the signature of the Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike (KMP) Commissioner. The arrested include three KMP employees, said Police Commissioner Dr Sharanappa S D here on Wednesday. According to the complaint, a chequebook containing 20 leaflets was stolen by the three employees. Then after forging the signature of the KMP Commissioner, they withdrew Rs 36,56,640 from the Super Market branch of Indian Bank. When the accused presented two more cheques, the bank manager got suspicious and informed the KMP officials. All the five accused were remanded in judicial custody and Rs 30,75,000 has been recovered. ENS

## FIR against KSRTC driver for letting friend issue tickets

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@ Bengaluru

AFTER a video of a private person issuing tickets to passengers of a Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) bus was shared widely on social media, the KSRTC has suspended the driver-cum-conductor concerned. An FIR has also been registered against conductor Naveen TN and his friend Revanth Gowda for criminal breach of trust.

The incident took place on Kodihalli-Kanakapura Road in Ramanagara district on January 14. Naveen allowed his friend Revanth to use the electronic ticket machine (ETM) and collect fares from passengers. As the video of the inci-

dent went viral, senior officials of the bus corporation alerted the division control and an official filed a complaint with the jurisdictional Kodihalli police.

In the complaint, it was mentioned that Naveen cheated and caused financial loss besides damaging the reputation of the corporation. Taking cognisance, both Naveen and Revanth have been booked for criminal breach of trust and other charges.

Meanwhile, it is said that Revanth Gowda was working with KSRTC as a driver on contract for six months. Without realising the consequence, Naveen allowed his friend to use the ETM, which landed him in trouble, said a senior official of KSRTC.

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# SATISH INDIRECTLY STAKES CLAIM FOR KPCC POST

● Minister asks Surjewala to decide ASAP ● Says many AHINDA MLAs want him to take up top position

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IN a major political development, PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi, frontrunner for the KPCC president's post, held a lengthy discussion with AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala late on Tuesday evening and convinced the latter of the need to appoint a full-fledged chief for the state unit.

"There was an official resolution with AICC General Secretary (organisation) KC Venugopal's note that after the 2024 LS polls, the KPCC president's post should be changed. Now, six months have passed and there is confusion within the party whether DCM DK Shivakumar will continue in the post or not. This has become the talking point. I suggested to Surjewala to put an end to this confusion," Satish told reporters on Wednesday.

"I also told Surjewala that a new president should be ap-

pointed as soon as possible. I also said that if the current president is to be continued that should be made clear too," he added. He suggested that the opinion of all the 140 MLAs of the party should be considered while appointing a new KPCC president. There was talk about some 50 MLAs supporting Satish as an AHINDA leader, next only to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, and expecting him to become the state party president.

Satish has often said he wants to lead the party in the 2028 assembly polls and claims to have discussed with the party higher-ups the party's organisation and the mistakes to be rectified if any. Soon after meeting Surjewala, he met Siddaramaiah and apprised him of the developments.

"After January 25, Surjewala will discuss the issue with Siddaramaiah and eventually both CM and DCM will decide on appointing the new president," Satish said. Satish is likely to

visit New Delhi on January 27 and 28 on the pretext of inspecting the construction of the new Karnataka Bhavan. He would then seal the deal with the party's high command, sources said. "I have not asked the high command to make me KPCC president. However, I told Surjewala that the state party unit needs a full-fledged president," Satish said. But, he said many AHINDA MLAs want him to be the president which is quite natural.

"I discussed the issue of party organisation, the post of KPCC president and my opinion on those. I have said the KPCC president's post should be given to those who are popular, who can fetch votes for the party and have the ability to organise the party. I explained it to the Karnataka in-charge too," he said. "Our discussion was transparent and whatever we discussed, Surjewala will reach out to the high command," he added.

In New Delhi, Siddaramaiah said that the high command's decision is final.



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Tanveer Sait



The government is stable and will complete its term. There is no power tussle  
H C Mahadevappa

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Satish Jarkiholi

## High command must act, clear the air: Cong leaders

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AMID the growing demand to appoint a full-fledged KPCC chief, presently held by Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar, Congress leaders have appealed to the party high command to clear the air and avoid damage to the party's image during the local bodies' elections.

Acknowledging that uncertainties in the party are causing damage to the image of the Congress-led state government, KPCC working president and Narasimharaja MLA Tanveer Sait stressed that the party high command must resolve these issues immediately.

"It's true that there are uncertainties on three issues -- power sharing, the KPCC president's post and cabinet reshuffle. The high command should resolve these matters as soon as possible. PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi has brought these issues to the notice of the high command and I too agree with his views. It's up to the high command to decide who should be the KPCC president. Though it is not proper to suggest names for the posts, when Jarkiholi was made the KPCC working president, the opinion of MLAs was not heard. The KPCC chief's appointment must be decided in the same manner. We just have to accept the leader whom the high command selects," he told reporters here on Wednesday. Stating that the government is because of the party, not vice versa, Sait said the government should do what the party had promised to the people during the elections.

He, however, clarified that he is not in the race for the KPCC president's post as he has no strength to handle such a big responsibility.

In a similar vein, Social Welfare Minister Dr H C Mahadevappa said there is no power tussle between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and DCM DK Shivakumar, and as for the KPCC president's post, the high command should take a decision. "The government is stable and will complete its term. Siddaramaiah is leading the government effectively and there are no discussions on a change of leadership. He will continue as the chief minister. Neither the CM's chair is vacant, nor is it shaking, as claimed by opposition parties. There is no race for the CM's post. When there is no race, there is no question of a list of aspirants. Discussions on the CM's post in the present situation are irrelevant," he said.

POCSO CHARGE

## Foolproof case against BSY, govt tells HC

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THERE is a foolproof case against BJP leader and former CMBS Yediyurappa in the POCSO case and the recorded conversation between him and the victim references what happened between them, argued Special Public Prosecutor (SPP) Ravivarma Kumar before the Karnataka High Court on Wednesday.

The SPP made this submission before Justice M Nagaprasanna, who was hearing the petition filed by Yediyurappa under Section 482 of the CrPC questioning the legality of the case registered against him.

Kumar argued that the petition is not maintainable as it does not lie in respect of cases registered under the POCSO Act and the accused is presumed to be guilty.

Pointing out the statement of the victim, the SPP submitted that the accused asked the victim's mother, the complainant, to stay outside when he took the victim to a room in his house and locked her inside before sexually assaulting her.

He further argued that the victim and her mother had gone to the petitioner's house seeking his help in connection with an earlier sexual assault on the victim. After coming out of the room, the victim was crying. When she reached a coffee shop, the victim narrated her ordeal to her mother

who immediately rushed to the accused to question him, the SPP told the court.

He also submitted that the conversation between the victim's mother when she confronted the accused was recorded by the victim on her mobile phone without the mother's knowledge and uploaded immediately on Google Drive. The voice sample of the accused and the voice in the recorded video were matched by the Forensic Science Laboratory, he argued.

The SPP also brought to the notice of the court that the accused gave some money to the victim after she protested along with her mother immediately after coming back from the coffee shop. The accused also later paid Rs 2 lakh to them, which he stated that he had given as a loan, the SPP told the court.

Kumar argued that to help the victim and her mother fight the earlier crimes of sexual assault, the accused even spoke to Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar over the phone. "I thought both Yediyurappa and Shivakumar were at loggerheads till I read the statement of the victim," he told the court, while pointing out that no political motivation behind this case was averred by the accused in his petition.

Further hearing was adjourned to January 17 for a reply by Yediyurappa's counsel.



## Smooth transition of power likely this year?

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THE Congress high command is said to have started its exercise for the smooth transition of power in Karnataka and would accede to all the suggestions of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, sources said. Sources said Siddaramaiah is likely to pass the baton to any Congress leader that the high command chooses after he completes two and a half years of his tenure and after ensuring that any of his staunch loyalists, especially PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi, becomes the KPCC chief. At the high command level, there was a pact on power-sharing for which Siddaramaiah too agreed, sources said. In the KPCC general body meeting on Monday, Siddaramaiah spoke about the sacrifices of the Gandhi family. "Senior leader Sonia Gandhi and LoP in LS Rahul Gandhi have made sacrifices and we too should tread their path," he said. Later in the CLP meeting, he had asserted that both he and DCM D K Shivakumar should abide by the decision of the high command. It may be recalled that Siddaramaiah had stated in a public meeting in Chamara Nagar on December 7, 2024, that he is in the twilight of his political career. It will be interesting to note whether Siddaramaiah pushes for a Dalit as CM or pitches for two or three DCM posts, giving representation to different communities, including the Veerashaiva Lingayats, if Shivakumar becomes a strong contender for the top post. Given this equation, already there is a buzz in the Shivakumar camp that he would become the next CM. Even Magadi MLA H C Balakrishna, a Vokkaliga, and Channagiri MLA Basavaraju V. Shivaganga, a Veerashaiva-Lingayath, openly issued such statements recently. Shivakumar, during his temple run recently, had stated that he needs no one's support as he has reposed faith in the party high command.

## 'FIGHTING STATE'

### BJP MP hits out at Rahul's remark

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BJP MP Lahar Singh Siroya hit out at Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi for his remark that the Congress is the "fighting Indian state". "Rahul Gandhi has come back from his foreign holiday and has said that @INCIndia is fighting the Indian state. We should thank him for confirming the suspicion. So far we thought only

Naxalites were fighting the Indian state. By saying what Rahul Gandhi has said today, he has indirectly made every Congress worker a Naxalite or a Maoist or an Urban Naxal," the BJP MP from Karnataka stated on X.

He said, "If the Congress is fighting the Indian state then, shouldn't all Congress state governments, whatever are left, be dismissed? How can they continue in government and fight the Indian state?"

Siroya said surrendered Naxalites were treated like VIPs in the Karnataka CM's office recently. They have to use Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's "generous" Naxal package to bring them back to the mainstream, he said.



## HC directs Lokayukta police to continue with MUDA scam probe

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THE Karnataka High Court on Wednesday allowed the Lokayukta police to continue its investigation into the alleged irregularities in the allotment of sites to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife B M Parvathy by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA). The court also directed the Inspector General



of Police of the anti-corruption body to oversee the investigation and the Additional Director General of Police to peruse the probe report to be placed before the court on the next date of hearing.

Justice M Nagaprasanna adjourned the hearing to January 27 after hearing the arguments of senior counsel

Maninder Singh, appearing for the petitioner, Snehamayi Krishna, who moved the high court seeking directions to entrust the investigation to the Central Bureau of Investigation. The court also sought the report of the investigation done till date from December 19, 2024.

Singh argued that the investigation must be fair and independent, which should inspire confidence in the public, but the government is protecting the accused. If higher officials and politicians are involved, the court has to exercise reasonable discretion to consider the request of the petitioner to hand over the probe to the independent investigating agency.

"Some of the committees of bureaucrats have taken the records of the case from the Lokayukta. The wife of the chief minister surrendered the sites and on the same day, an order was passed in lightning speed to accept it. The surrender of sites shows that the accused confessed to the crime," he argued.

Meanwhile, the court permitted the counsels of the respondent accused to file objections and serve the copies to the petitioner.



HOLDING TO ACCOUNT  
Members of the BJP Raitha Morcha protest against the state government over the recent mutilation of cows, at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Wednesday. They accused the Congress government of neglecting the protection of cows | NAGARAJA GADKAL

## Laxmi accident a 'hit-and-run' case

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@Belagavi

THE accident involving Women and Child Development Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar's official car, initially attributed to the driver's attempt to save a dog, has now been confirmed as a 'hit-and-run' incident, according to top police investigations.

At a press conference here on Wednesday, SP Bheem

mashankar Guled revealed that a canter had brushed against the minister's vehicle, causing the driver to lose control. The car then veered off the road and rammed a roadside tree. The incident occurred in the early hours of Tuesday, when Hebbalkar, her MLC brother Channaray Hattiholi, her gunman and driver were returning to Belagavi from Bengaluru. All occupants sustained injuries in the crash.

Initially, the driver claimed that the accident happened while attempting to avoid a dog crossing the road. However, further investigation uncovered that the crash resulted from a collision with the canter, which fled the scene. "Since the canter driver fled, a hit-and-run case has been registered," said SP Guled. He said two special teams have been formed to trace the canter and its driver.

## Minister must clear pending bills first, says Kumaraswamy

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UNION Minister HD Kumaraswamy on Wednesday said RDPR and IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge should first settle the pending bills of KEONICS vendors "instead of making empty statements". The vendors have written to the PM seeking his intervention to get the pending bills released as they are in dire straits.

"Everyone knows the inner workings of this government. Contractors should boldly demand their due payments. They are not beggars. Many small-scale contractors have pledged family assets to complete projects and are now on the verge of losing everything," he said, responding to a question on the delay in clearing pending bills of contractors and vendors.

Hitting out at Priyank, Kumaraswamy said he should stop making excuses and, instead of blaming the previous government, settle the pending dues. He advised contractors to stay united.

"Understand this clearly. Refuse to work for a year; let them bring contractors from neighbouring states. Let's see who completes the work. Anyway, they aren't awarding projects. You are merely asking for money already owed to you," he said.

**Priyank blames BJP**

In a joint statement, Minister Priyank Kharge and KEONICS chairman Sharath Bache Gowda stated that the previous BJP government and former CMs BS Yediyurappa and Basavaraj Bommai, and former minister CM Ashwanth Narayan are directly responsible for the delay in clearing of vendors' bills.



## Jarkiholi brothers & DKS, Hebbalkar at loggerheads over Congress Bhavan

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@Belagavi

THE escalating slugfest between PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi, Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar and Women and Child Development Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar over the construction of the Congress Bhavan in Belagavi has become a fresh headache for the Congress top brass.

After Hebbalkar reportedly

tried to take sole credit for the construction of the Congress Bhavan at the recent CLP meeting in Bengaluru, which was supported by Shivakumar, the Jarkiholi brothers from Gokak rubbished her claims while making counter claims that several party leaders, including themselves, had got the site for the bhavan allotted and contributed huge funds for its construction.

Shivakumar and Satish Jarki-

holi were involved in a verbal tussle in the CLP meeting when the former supported Hebbalkar's claims that she got the Bhavan constructed. According to sources, Jarkiholi objected to the meddling of Shivakumar and Hebbalkar in Belagavi politics and said though he was the Belagavi district minister, both of them were putting needless pressure on the official machinery in the district.

Jarkiholi alleged that Hebbalkar and Shivakumar misused the powers of officials in Belagavi in the case registered against BJP MLC C T Ravi for using derogatory remarks against Hebbalkar. "I have contributed a huge sum for the construction of Congress Bhavan. The bhavan was not constructed by any one particular leader. We will not keep quiet if Shivakumar continues his interference in Belagavi politics," he said. Jarkiholi held a meet-

ing with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for at least an hour to discuss the issue.

Sources said Jarkiholi brought the issue of Shivakumar's intervention in Belagavi to the notice of Congress high command and state Congress in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala in particular. He had made it clear to the leadership that he would not be quiet if Shivakumar continued it. He said, "We too have to do some-

thing to protect our identity." Meanwhile, Gokak MLA Ramesh Jarkiholi (BJP) has rallied behind his brother Satish. He said he was in Congress from 2013 to 2018 and got a big site allotted to the party for the bhavan. "I had paid Rs 27 lakh to buy the site for the bhavan from my pocket. I gave another Rs 1 crore for the construction soon after becoming a minister in the then Congress government," he said.



## SC REJECTS KTR's PLEA TO QUASH FIR IN FORMULA-E RACE CASE

TG NAIDU @ Hyderabad

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday rejected a plea filed by BRS working president **KT Rama Rao** seeking quashing of the FIR registered against him by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) alleging misuse of funds in the conducting of Formula-E race in Hyderabad in 2023.

A bench of the Supreme Court comprising Justice Bela M Trivedi and Justice Prasanna B Varale upheld the Telangana High Court's dismissal of Rama Rao's quash petition and refused to intervene in the high court's decision.

With no other recourse, Rama Rao's counsel chose to withdraw the petition. However, the court did not grant liberty but allowed the withdrawal, pointing out that the petitioner could pursue other remedies under the law.

The FIR alleges that unauthorised payments of approximately ₹55 crore, primarily in foreign exchange, were made to the Formula-E Operations (FEO), allegedly on the directions of Rama Rao, who was the Municipal Administration minister at that time. The high court noted that Rama Rao faces the allegations that he directed the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) to make these payments without clearance from the Cabinet or the Finance department. In its January 7 order, the high court ruled that prima facie, a

case can be made out against Rama Rao. It stated: "Whether the petitioner directed the said payments with a dishonest intention to cause gain to himself or third parties is required to be investigated. The allegations, when read together, indicate wrongdoing and misappropriation of HMDA funds. The court underscored that the investigating agency must be allowed sufficient time to collect evidence and conduct its probe without judicial interference.

Senior advocates Aryama Sundaram and Siddhartha Dave, representing Rama Rao, argued that the FIR was politically motivated and that their client had not gained personally from the payments made to FEO. They contended that Section 13(1)(a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act was improperly invoked since no personal benefit was alleged. Counsels also criticised the swift registration of the FIR, asserting that proper inquiry was mandated by the Supreme Court in such cases.

Despite these arguments, the bench rejected the claim that invoking Section 13(1)(a) was grounds to quash the FIR.

Mukul Rohatgi, representing the state government, argued that the quash petition, filed within 24 hours of the FIR registration, was an attempt to stall the investigation. He urged the court not to grant interim relief or liberty in the case.



## Coordination meet between Navy, fishers?

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"THE civilians abandoned the vehicle and fled. The incident was promptly reported to local police through the Naval Police, and the vehicle key was handed over to the authorities," the complainant added. The matter did not end here. On Monday morning, a group of villagers from Amdalli staged a protest and blocked the gate of NCHC Amdalli. "The protesters demanded action. The situation was addressed by the civil administration and local police. Senior Naval personnel of Naval Base Karwar, the local tahsildar and Deputy SP engaged with the protesters and defused the situation by 12.45pm," a Navy release said.

While the matter is under investigation, a few media reports blamed Navy personnel for the incident and local politicians also extended support to the agitators. The Navy responded, saying, "A lot of unverified and false statements are being made by reputed media houses. A minor incident occurred in Karwar, mainly to defame the Navy... The Navy remains committed to maintaining harmonious relations with the local community." The matter has now reached the Uttara Kannada DC and SP. "There is lot of anger against the Navy in recent days. The SP is contemplating writing to the Navy higher-ups," a police source said. SP Narayan is also planning a coordination meeting between fishermen and Navy authorities.



Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, minister MB Patil and others at the 852nd Jayanti of Sri Siddarameshwara in Bengaluru on Wednesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

## 852<sup>nd</sup> Sri Siddarameshwara Jayanti celebrated in B'loru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

BENGALURU came alive with cultural fervour as the Nonaba Lingayats marked the 852nd Jayanti of Sri Siddarameshwara, honouring a tradition that has endured for over 800 years.

With deep roots in the agricultural communities of Tumakuru, Hassan, Chitradurga, and parts of South Ballari and Anantapur in Andhra Pradesh, the Nonaba Lingayats have long been a cornerstone of the region's cultural and social fabric. This year's celebrations, which coincided with the festival of Sankranti, underscored the community's enduring bond to both tradition and the land they till.

Historically a political force to be reckoned with, the Nonaba

## Bidar, Udupi to be developed as talent based destinations

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

TWO tourism potential destinations in Karnataka — Bidar and Udupi — have been listed to be developed under the Talent Based Destination Development Programme, which is a part of the Swadesh Darshan initiative of the tourism vertical. The idea being, not just to improve the district, the destinations and sites independently, but to create a competitive environment for states to be able to draw more tourists with more facilities.

Under this, the Ministry of

Tourism has listed 42 destinations in India, of which Bidar and Udupi were chosen to be funded with Rs 25 crore and Rs 10 crore, respectively.

"While Bidar will be improved under the cultural category, Udupi will be taken up for improvement under the eco-tourism and Amrit Dharohar scheme. The two projects are in the initial stages. We have received a project report for the works to be taken up. It is being sent to the ministry for approval, following which it will be released in the coming fiscal," Director, Ministry of Tourism,

Karnataka, Mohamed Farouk, said. Under this, the departments and the destination heads will also have the opportunity to throw challenges to a select site or to a state by setting targets of the works being undertaken. "A competitive environment will be created, which will ensure that facilities to tourists are improved, new sites and destinations are found and existing ones are made tourist friendly. States will also be able to take up specific projects in the chosen destinations for improvement," he said.

So far, Mysuru and Hampi



Udupi will be taken up for improvement under eco-tourism and Amrit Dharohar scheme in Karnataka.

were chosen for improvement under Swadesh Darshan scheme in Karnataka.

"Karnataka has a lot of potential to offer and draw tourists. But little is being done. There are more plans on paper than what is executed on ground. The state should up its game and sent more proposals and locations to be included seeking Union Government fund. There are many domestic tourism options to showcase in Karnataka including coastal, nature and heritage. Many more tourism advances need to be done breaking the central and state divide," an official from the Ministry of Tourism said.



A contestant being flung by a bull during the Palamedu jallikattu, in which nearly 930 bulls were released across 10 rounds, in Madurai on Wednesday | K SUNDAR

## Baiter gored to death at Avaniyapuram jallikattu in Madurai

MADURAI: A 22-year-old bull tamer was gored to death by a bull during the Avaniyapuram jallikattu in Madurai on Tuesday. Over 70 persons, including participants and spectators, were also injured. The season's first event in Tamil Nadu, the Avaniyapuram jallikattu witnessed the participation of over 900 baiters and 1,100 bulls, of which 800 bulls were released through the Vadivasal on Tuesday. Sources said Naveen Kumar, a bull tamer from Vilangudi, sustained severe injuries on his chest and neck and was rushed to Government Rajaji Hospital (GRH) where he died. Refusing to receive the body, Naveen Kumar's relatives staged a protest at the GRH and in Vilangudi, demanding the state government to provide compensation for his family. Several injured baiters, bull owners and spectators were treated at the medical facility in Avaniyapuram, while a few others were referred to the GRH. **ENS**

## SERIES OF WRONG CALLS, LAPSES BEHIND KERALA MAN's NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCE

LAKSHMI ATHIRA @ Kannur

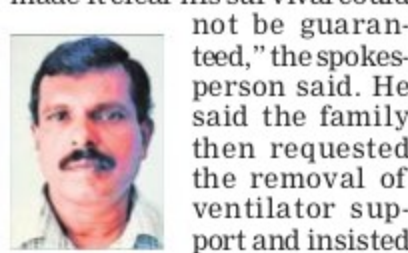
A Kannur man's 'brush' with death was the result of a series of misjudgments and medical lapses, it has come to light.

The Justice K S Hegde Charitable Hospital in Mangaluru, which initially treated **Velluvakandi Pavithran**, 67, of Pachapoyka, confirmed that he was discharged on his family's insistence against medical advice. Adding to the controversy, the AKG Hospital in Kannur where Pavithran's family took him after presuming he had died, allowed placing the 'body' in the mortuary without a doctor's confirmation of death.

A Hegde Hospital spokesperson told *TNE* that no assurance on Pavithran's survival was provided to his family.

"He was brought to our facility from another private hospital in Mangaluru on January 13 at 4:30 am in an ambulance with ventilator and inotropic

support. Doctors suspected meningitis and recommended an MRI. However, the family declined further tests and asked if he could survive without ventilator support. Our team made it clear his survival could not be guaranteed," the spokesperson said. He said the family then requested the removal of ventilator support and insisted on Pavithran's discharge. "Pavithran was released around 6:30pm that evening. Despite his critical condition, he was transported in a standard ambulance to Kannur," the spokesperson said.



Sources said during the five-hour journey to Kannur, his wife Sudha and sister Beena noticed no signs of movement and presumed him dead, and informed the relatives, who then made funeral

arrangements at home. By then, the people's representative also gave an obit to the local newspapers.

Upon reaching Kannur at 11.30pm, the family decided to shift the 'body' to the mortuary as it was late. The ambulance arrived at the AKG Cooperative Hospital, where Pavithran's body was readied for transfer to the mortuary. However, while Pavithran was being taken to the mortuary, Jayan, the night supervisor, spotted movement in his hand. Anoop, the hospital electrician, confirmed this and Pavithran was rushed to the emergency department.

The incident has raised questions about AKG Hospital's decision to admit Pavithran to the mortuary without a formal declaration of death. The hospital authorities admitted that no doctor examined Pavithran before the mortuary transfer.

It is alleged that pressure from local political pressure in-

fluenced the decision, though the hospital have yet to comment on the claim. A district health department source criticised the hospital for allowing the mortuary transfer without a death certificate.

Meanwhile, local newspapers published news of Pavithran's 'death' on Tuesday, prompting relatives and neighbors to gather for his 'funeral'. It was only later that news of his miraculous revival surfaced, sparking disbelief and relief. Pavithran is now at the ICU of AKG Hospital, receiving treatment for pulmonary and cardiac complications.

A source close to the family revealed that Sudha, Pavithran's wife, is facing unfair criticism from the media and relatives. "Despite financial constraints, the family decided to seek advanced care in Mangaluru. With no children for support, Sudha shouldered his care alone, but the media is unfairly blaming her," said the source.

## Narayanan takes charge at ISRO's B'loru HQ

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

**V NARAYANAN**, Distinguished Scientist (Apex Grade), who assumed charge as Secretary, Department of Space, Chairman, Space Commission, and Chairman, ISRO, took official charge at the Bengaluru office, which is also the headquarters of the organisation, on Wednesday. He had officially taken charge

from S Somanath on January 13, 2025, in Thiruvananthapuram.

Soon after, the man behind India's cryogenic engine wasted no time in getting to work. He held a meeting with the programme directors to take stock of the present situation of the projects. He held a meeting with the former chairperson and also addressed the ISRO community through live streaming.



"Soon after, he left to Delhi for meetings with the ministry," sources in the ISRO chairman office said. Narayanan is known as the rocket and spacecraft propulsion expert, who joined ISRO in 1984, and carries 40 years of work experience in the research organisation. Since January 2018, he was the director of Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre headquartered in Valiamala, Thiruvananthapuram, with a unit in Bengaluru.

## SKIN OF RARE MELANISTIC TIGER SEIZED IN ODISHA

**BHUBANESWAR:** Skin and other body parts of a rare melanistic tiger, unique to the Similipal landscape, were seized by forest officials from the possession of four persons in the fringe villages of Similipal Tiger Reserve (STR) in Mayurbhanj district. A special enforcement wing of the Similipal south wildlife division conducted a raid on January 12 when the tiger hide was seized in Tentula village, while nails were recovered earlier from another accused in Balighat. PCCF (wildlife) and chief wildlife warden Prem Kumar Jha said the joint task force (JTF) of the wildlife wing is investigating the matter along with the STR team. "The JTF has been asked to submit its report to the government at the earliest," he said. Field director of STR Prakash Chand Gogineni said the skin appears to be one year old. **ENS**

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Ballari

RESIDENTS of Ballari city have decided to show their appreciation for former deputy commissioner **SS Nakul** by naming a link road after him in Kappagallu area. Nakul, who is presently working for the Union government, is remembered as one of the best DCs the



SS Nakul Marg in Kappagallu in Ballari

district has got. He was Ballari DC for more than two years, from 2020 to 2022.

Nakul's kind and friendly interaction with the public, response to the people when they apprised him of their problems, and especially his work during the Covid-19 pandemic has made him a local hero. A couple even named their baby

after him, grateful for the treatment they got when they contracted Covid. Often, the public fears IAS officers because of their position and busy schedules, but if officials respond well to their issues, they try to remember the good work done and show their gratitude, say residents. Naming the major link road to the

city as SS Nakul Marg is a measure of their appreciation and respect for him.

Nagendra Reddy, a resident of Kappagallu, said the former DC will not be forgotten due to his working style, interaction with public and officials, and development of Ballari city. Usually, IAS officers are reserved and have limited inter-

action with the people, he said.

"We got permission from the corporation and installed the signboard. Such IAS officials are needed everywhere. Earlier when he was working as ZP CEO, he had got his wife admitted for delivery at the government hospital, which was a big motivation for others," he said.

## Ballari residents name link road after former DC SS Nakul

A TOKEN OF GRATITUDE



**KSEB KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - E-TENDER NOTICE**  
O/o the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Manjeri, Malappuram  
E Tender ID No.2024\_KSEB\_705106\_2 PAC.Rs. 9,82,73,045/- Last Date: 03.02.2025 05.00 pm  
O/o the Executive Engineer, P. M. U. Electrical Circle, Manjeri, Malappuram  
E Tender ID No.2024\_KSEB\_716198\_1 PAC.Rs. 2,26,85,424/- Last Date: 03.02.2025 05.00 pm  
Tender Extension Notice  
O/o the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Shoranur, Palakkad  
E Tender ID No.2024\_KSEB\_718822\_1 PAC.Rs. 3,20,00,000/- Last Date: 22.01.2025 11.00 am  
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**POSSESSION NOTICE** Appendix IV (Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property))  
A/c No: HTL-4185440445

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized officer of the State Bank of India under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 OF 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 18.10.2024 and calling upon the Borrowers: Sri. Veeragani Niranjan Kumar S/o. Sri. Ram Narayana Viragani Flat No. TF-002, 3rd Floor, Sri. Krishna Serenity, Dubasi Palya, Valagerehalli Village, Dhakale Kengeri, Hobli, Bengaluru - 560085 And also at: 1) 11-24-26/6/1, M V Colony, Sirnam Towers, Dhesampet Road, Warangal, Telangana-506002 2) Surya Restaurant & Bar 11-23-1715, Dhesampet Road, Warangal, Telangana-506002 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice Rs. 1,18,25,683/- (Rupees One Crore Eighteen Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Three only) as on 17.10.2024 + interest from 18.10.2024 + incidental charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower(s)/mortgagee(s)/guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount demanded as per Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s)/mortgagee(s)/guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on 13.01.2025.

The borrower(s)/mortgagee(s)/guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of Rs. 1,20,69,702/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Two only) as on 12.01.2025 and interest from 13.01.2025 plus expenses thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**  
Schedule 'A' Property : (Description of the entire Land Property) : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property residential site bearing Nos.2 and 3, Kengeri Municipality Property No.26/130, Old Khatha No.1487/C, Municipality Khatha Nos.762/C and 762/A, BBMP Khatha Nos.4428 & 4427, New BBMP Amalgamated Khata No.4427/1487/C/26/130/762/A/S.No.3, formed in Sy.No.48 of Dubasi Palya, Valagerehalli Village, Dhakale, Kengeri, Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, presently comes under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 130, Bengaluru measuring East to West 115 Feet, North to South 85 Feet in all measuring 9775 square feet and bounded on the : East by : Site No. 4, West : Site No. 1, North by : Muniveerappa's House, South by : Road.

Schedule 'B' Property : (Description of the Proportionate land entire. Hereby conveyed in favour of the Purchaser) : 407 Sq.feet of undivided share of land with right titles and interest in Schedule 'A'.

Schedule 'C' Property : (Description of the Residential Apartment/Flat. Hereby conveyed in favour of the Purchaser) : All that piece and parcel of 3 BHK Flat bearing No.TF-002 on the Third Floor having super built up area of 2000 sq.ft in the above said building known as 'Sri Krishna Serenity', constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property herein and one covered car parking area in the ground floor, finished with RCC roofing with water, electricity and sewerage amenities together with all common areas such as passages, lobbies, lift, staircase and all other areas of common use etc., Super built up area means and including exclusive floor area of Flat and proportionate areas covered by all common walls, passages, stair, lift, water and drainage and electrical conduits and all other areas used in common with all other flats of the building and the flat is held in the name of 'Sri. V. Niranjan Kumar S/o Sri.Ram Narayana Viragani' and bounded on : East by : Flat No. TF-003, West by : Open to Sky & RC Enclave, North by : Muniveerappa's House, South by : Flat No. TF-001.

Sale Deed is registered on 27.04.2023 in favour of 'Sri. V. Niranjan Kumar S/o Sri.Ram Narayana Viragani' in the office of SRO Jayanagara (Rajarajeshwari Nagar) Bangalore in Book No.1 under Document No. RRRN-1-01076/2023-24 dated 28.04.2023.

Sd/- Authorised Officer and Chief Manager  
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Date : 13.01.2025  
Place : Bangalore

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**E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE**  
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic / Constructive Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 31.01.2025 (Time: 10.30 am to 11.30 am) (with auto extension of 5 minutes each till sale is completed) for recovery of bank's dues from the following Borrowers / Guarantors.

**HOSUR BRANCH : Borrower Name & Address :** (1) M/s. Dhanyasree Precision Pvt. Ltd (Borrower), C-10, SIDCO Industrial Estate, Phase - 1, SIDCO, Hosur - 635 126. (2) Mrs. Bhavani N (Director & Mortgagor), W/o Mr. Ramesh A. No. 234, Sadashiva Nagar, Anekal Road, Attebelle Post, Bangalore - 562 107. (3) Mr. N Naveen (Director & Mortgagor), S/o Mr. P.Nanjundappa, No. 234, Sadashiva Nagar, Anekal Road, Attebelle Post, Bangalore - 562 107. (4) Mr. A.Ramesh (Guarantor & Mortgagor), No. 234, Sadashiva Nagar, Anekal Road, Attebelle Post, Bangalore - 562 107

**Outstanding Amount : 31/10/2024 as on Rs. 24,20,08,063.36/- (Rupees Twenty Four Crore Twenty Lakh Eight Thousand Sixty Three and Thirty Six Paise Only) with further interest and other incidental charges thereto incurred by the Bank**

**DETAILS OF PROPERTY:**  
Property No.1: (Property in the name of Mr. Ramesh A) Krishnagiri District, Krishnagiri Registration District, Hosur Sub - Registration District, Hosur Taluk, in Mookandapalli Village, the land bearing SF.No. 684/8, Dry Extent Hec 0.43.0, Asst. 1.45 in this 1298 Sq. ft. land within the following boundaries East : Land Belonging to Sannappa, West : 20 feet Road, North : SF. No. 684/7 (Shek Ali Land), South : SF. No. 684/8 Part. (The above plot is further sub divided as new sub division SF. No. 684/8A1)

**RESERVE PRICE ₹ 38,34,000/- EMD ₹ 3,83,400/- BID INCREMENT ₹ 1,00,000/-**

Property No. 2: (Property in the name of Mr. Ramesh A and Mrs Bhavani N) Krishnagiri District, Krishnagiri Registration District, Hosur Sub - Registration District, Hosur Taluk, in Mookandapalli Village, the land bearing SF.No. 701/1F, Dry Extent Hec 0.38.0, Asst. 1.06 in this 12439.55 Sq. ft. land within the following boundaries 1<sup>st</sup> bit belonging to Mr. Ramesh A: Land to the extent of 0.15 Cents or 602.60 Sq. meter in S. No. 701/1F bounded by East : S. No. 701/2 & 20 feet Common Road in S. No. 684/7, West : S.F.No.701/1F Land belonging to Venkataswamy, North : Land belonging to Abdul Rahim, South : Remaining land in the same survey number belonging to Yallappa & Muniveelappa Within these boundaries measuring East to West on North side : 36.8 metre, East to West on South side : 37.6 metre, North to South on East side : 16.2 metre, North to South on West side : 16.2 metre, Total : 602.60 sq.metre or Ac.0.15 cents (the above plot is further sub divided as new sub division SF. No. 701/1F) 2<sup>nd</sup> bit belonging to Mrs.Bhavani: Land to the extent of 1980.25 Sq. ft. bounded by East : Land belonging to Venkatamma, West : Land belonging to venkataswamy, North : Land belonging to Ramesh, South : 20 feet wide common road. Within these boundaries measuring East to West on North side : 44 feet, East to West on South side : 45 feet, North to south on East side : 45 feet, North to South on West side : 44 feet. Total : 1980.25 sq.feet 3<sup>rd</sup> bit belonging to Mrs.Bhavani: Land to the extent of 1978 Sq. ft. bounded by East : Land belonging to Pushpamary, West : Land belonging to Mari, North : Land belonging to A.Ramesh, South : 20 feet wide common Road. Within these boundaries measuring East to West on North side : 43 feet, East to West on South side : 43 feet, North to South on East side : 47 feet, North to South to West side : 45 feet, Total : 1978 sq.feet 4<sup>th</sup> bit belonging to Mrs.Bhavani: Land to the extent of 1995 Sq. ft. bounded by East : 21 feet main road, West : land belonging to venkataswamy, North : Land belonging to A.Ramesh, South : 20 feet wide common road. Within these boundaries measuring East to West on North side : 42 feet, East to West on South side : 42 feet, North to South on East side : 48 feet, North to South on West side : 47 feet. Total : 1995 sq.feet (Bit Nos. 2,3,4 are sub divided as New SF. No. 701/1F4, 701/1F5, 701/1F6).

**RESERVE PRICE ₹ 1,25,04,000/- EMD ₹ 12,50,400/- BID INCREMENT ₹ 1,00,000/-**

Property No. 3: (Property in the name of Mr. Ramesh A) Krishnagiri District, Krishnagiri Registration District, Hosur Sub - Registration District, Hosur Taluk, in Mookandapalli Village, the land bearing SF.No. 701/1F, Dry Extent Hec 0.38.0, Asst. 1.06 in this 1298 Sq. ft. land within the following boundaries East : House Plot belonging to C. Rajendran, West : Land belonging to Venkataswamy, North : Land belonging to Narayanappa, South : 15 feet Common Road. Within these boundaries measuring East to West on North side : 22 Metre, East to West on South side : 22 metre, North to South on East side : 59 metre, North to South on West Side : 59 metre. Total : 1298 Sq. ft

**RESERVE PRICE ₹ 15,10,000/- EMD ₹ 1,51,000/- BID INCREMENT ₹ 1,00,000/-**

**DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION 31.01.2025 Between 10.30 AM & 11.30 AM with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each.**

**Inspection of Property Date & Time : 24.01.2025 between 11.00 A.M. & 4.00 P.M.**

EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (baanknet) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before 30/01/2025 till 5.00 PM.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website ([www.canarabank.com](http://www.canarabank.com)) or may contact Canara Bank Asset Recovery Management Branch, Chennai (Ph. No. 28496339, 2849 6900) (E-mail: [cb2361@canarabank.com](mailto:cb2361@canarabank.com)) (or) The service provider baanknet (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt.Ltd. Ph.No.7046612345/ 6354910172/ 8291220220/ 9892219848/ 8160205051, Email: [support.baanknet@psballiance.com](mailto:support.baanknet@psballiance.com)/support.baanknet@procure247.com).

Portal of E-Auction: <https://baanknet.com>

Date : 13.01.2025; Place : Chennai  
AUTHORISED OFFICER, CANARA BANK

**06 BENGALURU THURSDAY 16.01.2025 THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public are informed that my client MANUJALA W/o. KUNESH Residing at Subbarao Hobli, Near Canara Bank, Hosokote Taluk, VTC Kambalipura P.O, Hasigala, Bangalore Rural PIN - 562114.  
Our Client has lost the Original Registered sale deed bearing document No.HSK-1-02438/2005-06 dated 01.02.2005, registered in Hosokote Sub-Registrar, in respect of the Property bearing Old Sy.No. 103/2, New Sy.No. 103/15, measuring 0-05 guntas, situated at Kambalipura Village, Subbarao Hobli, Hosokote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, presently within the limits of Kambalipura Village Panchayath and bounded on:  
East by : Srinivasa's Land (earlier K.M. Muniveenattappa Property),  
West by : Private Land,  
North by : Road,  
South by : Kharabau Dongara.  
The said property is in possession of Mrs. Manjula she is the absolute owner and is absolutely free from any encumbrance whatsoever.  
My Client had lost the above mentioned Sale deed & in spite of several efforts the Original Sale deed she has not found and she has lodged the police complaint through online dated 14.01.2025. Last Report No. 1428639/2025.  
If any person found the aforesaid deed or anyone having any claim or interest over the said property, he/she is requested to forward their claims along with the relevant documents to us within 07 days of this public notice. If we do not receive any claim from any person within 07 days, it will be strictly presumed that this property is absolutely free from any claim or encumbrance and no one has any claim over this property and if any one found the above deed kindly contact below mentioned.

**PRESA B DUBALE**  
FFD VI, 4th Floor, Sampurna Chambers, Vasavi Temple Road, V.V. Puram, Bengaluru-560004. Ph: 080-42053588/080-42296969

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No.25 AND 26, B-303 Brigade Majestic, 1 Main Road, Gandhinagar, Bangalore - 560 009.

**ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ**  
**ಉಪನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ**  
**ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ,**  
**ಡಿ.ಸುಬ್ಬಯ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು-04**  
**E-mail Id : [ddpimys@gmail.com](mailto:ddpimys@gmail.com) & [ddpi.edu.karmys@kar.nic.in](mailto:ddpi.edu.karmys@kar.nic.in)**  
**ದೂ.ಸಂ.: 0821-2490025**  
**ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಸಿ/ಕೆ.ಜಿ.ವಿ.ವಿ.ಟಿ.ಸಿ.ಎ-4/ಅ.ಇ.ವ್ಯಾ.ಅ/ವಿ/01/2023-24 ದಿ: 10.01.2025**  
**ಇ-ಮೊಕ್ಸೂರ್/ಮಂಟ್ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಬೆಂದರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ**  
**(Notice Inviting Short Term Tender through E-Procurement)**  
2023-24ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಮೈಸೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ವಿವಿಧ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಶಾಲೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಅನಿವಾರ್ಯ ಇನ್ನೂರವೇಶ ಲ್ಯಾಬ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಪರಿಶರಗಳನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿ ಮಾಡಲು ದ್ವಿ-ಲಕ್ಷೋಚಿತ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇಚ್ಛೆಯುಳ್ಳ ಬೆಂದರ್‌ದಾರರಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಪರಶ್ವತಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 1999 ಮತ್ತು ನಿಯಮಗಳು 2000ರ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧಾತ್ಮಕ ದರಗಳಿಗೆ "ಇ" ಬೆಂದರ್ ಆಪ್ತಾಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯವರು ಇ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯ ಮೇಲೆ [www.eproc.kar.nic.in](http://www.eproc.kar.nic.in) ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸುವುದು.  
1) ಬೆಂದರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ದಿ: 10.01.2025 2) ಬೆಂದರ್‌ಗಳ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.55.93 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. 3) ಬೆಂದರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸುವ ದಿ: 10.01.2025 4) ಬೆಂದರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಆಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿ: 10.01.2025 ರಿಂದ 20.01.2025 5) Technical Bidನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳ, ವೇಳೆ ಮತ್ತು ದಿ: 22.01.2025 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್, ಮೈಸೂರು. 6) Financial Bidನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳ ಮತ್ತು ದಿನಾಂಕ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಿಂದ ಅನುಮೋದಿಸಿದ ನಂತರ ಅರ್ಹತೆ ಪಡೆದ ಬೆಂದರ್‌ದಾರರ ಅರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳ ಮತ್ತು ದಿ: 24.01.2025 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್, ಮೈಸೂರು 7) ಬೆಂದರ್‌ನೊಂದಿಗೆ ಪಾವತಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ₹1,11,860 ರೂ ಶೇ 2% 8) ವ್ಯವಹರಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿವರ, ದೂರವಾರ್ತೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಉಪನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಡಿ.ಸುಬ್ಬಯ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು-04 E-mail Id: [ddpimys@gmail.com](mailto:ddpimys@gmail.com) & [ddpi.edu.karmys@kar.nic.in](mailto:ddpi.edu.karmys@kar.nic.in) ದೂರವಾರ್ತೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:0821-2490025. 9) ಇ-ಮೊಕ್ಸೂರ್/ಮಂಟ್ ಮೊಸ್ಟ್ ವಿವರ [www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in](http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) ಬೆಂದರ್ ತಪಾಲೆಯುಳ್ಳಾಗಿ NEFT(Online) ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಆಸಕ್ತರು ನಿಗದಿತದಿನದ ದಿನಾಂಕಕ್ಕೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.  
ಸಹಿ/- ಉಪನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು [ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ], ಶಾಲಾ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು  
DIPR/DMYS/1104/KSMCA/746/2024-25

**TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF TELANGANA LIMITED e-PROCUREMENT SHORT TENDER NOTICE**  
The TGTRANSCO invites bids through tenders on e-procurement platform for the following works.

| Specification No.                          | Name of the work                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TGT-CONST-e-09/2024-25 of CE(Construction) | Supply, erection, testing and commissioning of extra 132kV Bays for HHWS & SB Bulk feeders at 132/33kV SS Kondandapur, 132kV SWS Nasaripally and 132kV SWS Godakandla by providing summation meters to avoid power supply interruption and for proper periodical maintenance in Nalgonda District on turnkey basis. |

Further details can be seen @ <http://www.tender.telangana.gov.in> Phone: 040-23396000, Extn.: 3242,3356,3508,3573. FAX:040-23336171  
R.O. No. : 885-PP/CAL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2024-25 Sd/- Chief Engineer/Construction

**KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED**  
(CIN: U04109KA1999SGC025521)  
No: 903/SEE/Tr(W&M)/EE(O)/AE-3/24-25/CYS-62 Date:15.01.2025  
**TENDER NOTIFICATION (KPP PORTAL MODE ONLY)**  
Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Tender for the following work.  
**Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/2024-25/SE2096** for Hiring of 03Nos Tempo Traveller (24+1 Seater) with driver for day to day maintenance work & break down works by carrying both men and materials as and when required at TLM Section Sirsi, Kunta and Dandeli in the jurisdiction of TLM Sub-Division, Sirsi, of Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Hubballi.  
The Detailed Notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on or after 16.01.2025 to <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>. Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.  
Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elec),  
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL,  
Karavara Road, Vidhyuth Nagara, Hubballi

**POSSESSION NOTICE**  
Whereas, the authorized officer of Jana Small Finance Bank Limited under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued demand notices to the borrower(s) Co-borrowers(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred till the date of payment and/or realisation.

| Sr. No. | Loan No.                         | Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor | 13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on                                                                                | Date/ Time & Type of Possession                            |
|---------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1       | 32509630000089 & 325096300000702 | 1) Mrs. Mahalakshmi T B<br>2) Mr. Balaraju  | 07-11-2024<br>Rs.17,05,096.71/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Five Thousand Ninety Six And Seventy One Paise Only) due as on 05-11-2024 | Date: 11-01-2025<br>Time: 11: 55 AM<br>Symbolic Possession |

**Description of the Property:** All that piece and immovable property bearing Residential Site No.25 & 26 (Twenty Five & Twenty Six) and formed sites in Property No.61/60 (Sixty one sub sixty), Khatha No.590 (Five hundred and ninety), Measuring East to West 60 (Sixty) Feet and North to South 30 (Thirty) Feet in total measuring 1800 (One thousand eight hundred) Sq. Feet of Vacant site, situated at Gundur Village Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore-560049, which is bounded on the:- East by: Private Property, West by: Site No.27 (Twenty Seven), North by: Site No.38 & 39 (Thirty eight & thirty nine) belongs to Mrs. Vijaya Thyagarajan, South by: 25 feet Wide Road.

Whereas the Borrower/s Co-Borrower/s Guarantor/s Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorised officer of Jana Small Finance Bank Limited has taken possession of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower/s Co-Borrower/s Guarantor/s Mortgagors mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured assets will be subject to the charge of Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.

Place: Bangalore Sd/- Authorised Officer.  
Date: 16.01.2025 For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

**JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK (A Scheduled Commercial Bank)**  
Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

**KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED**  
(RAUCHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)  
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919  
No. KPCL/2024-25/SE0184/CALL-2 Date: 11.01.2025  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR PROVIDING CANTEN CATERING SERVICES AT RTPS PREMISES & SHAKTINAGAR COLONY FOR THE PERIOD OF ONE YEAR**  
(Through KPP Portal only)  
KPCL invites online bids through KPP portal [www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in](http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in) from qualified and experienced agencies satisfying the pre-qualification requirements, for providing Canteen Catering Services at RTPS Premises & Shaktinagar Colony. Contract Period: 1 Year. EMD: Rs. 3,01,000/-. Last date for submission of bids is 25.01.2025. Further details can be had from Deputy General Manager(HRD) RTPS, Shaktinagar-584170, Mobile No. 9986860765.

**BANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED**  
(Wholly owned by Government of Karnataka undertaking)  
(CIN-U04010KA2002SGC030438)  
**BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement)**  
BESCOM invites tenders through e-procurement platform from eligible Bidders for the Enquiry No.: BESCOM/2024-25/EL/WORK\_INDENT311 for "Maintenance of LT AB Cable Network of East Circle area, BMAZ, BESCOM for a period of One year under Total Turnkey Basis".  
Bid Documents available: 16.01.2025. Last date for Bid Submission: 14.02.2025, 17:00 Hrs. Opening of Bid Document: 15.02.2025, 17:15 Hrs.  
The Tenders can be obtained through KPP portal web-site <http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>. Aspiring Bidders need to register on KPP portal. Further Bidders can take assistance with KPP help desk contact numbers (+91-8046010000, +91-8068948777) or email at [support@eprocchdesk.com](mailto:support@eprocchdesk.com).  
Sd/-  
For Electricity related complaints call: 1912 Chief General Manager (Ele...),  
Download "BESCOM Mitra" Mobile APP Procurement, BESCOM

**BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 AT BANGALORE**  
BSNL BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR TELEPHONE HOUSE, RAJBHAVAN ROAD, BANGALORE-560001  
**CASE NO: O.A. No. 658/2023**  
**BETWEEN:**  
**YES BANK LIMITED AND**  
**ACRON CONCRETE PRODUCTS & OTHERS**  
**Applicant**  
**Defendant(s)**  
**To,**  
1. ACRON CONCRETE PRODUCTS  
REPRESENTED BY ITS AUTHORISED SIGNATORY SURVEY NO.138, GOLLAHALLI POST, BYRASHETHALLI, NELAMANGALA TALUK, NEAR GANESH TEMPLE, BANGALURU RURAL, BANGALURU- 562 123  
**SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION**  
WHEREAS: the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act, 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of sum of Rs.83,63,298/- (Rupees Eighty Three Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Eight Rupees Only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.  
The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal 1 person or through an Advocate or duly instructed i support of their defence to show cause on 06/02/2025 at 10:30 a.m. as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.  
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this day ..... 2025.  
**BY THE ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL**  
REGISTRAR-1  
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1  
BANGALORE

**JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK (A Scheduled Commercial Bank)**  
Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.  
**E-AUCTION NOTICE**  
PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFASIA ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISIO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002  
The undersigned as authorised officer of Jana Small Finance Bank Limited has taken possession of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFASIA ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction) of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" on the date as prescribed as here under.

| Sr. No. | Loan Account Number                              | Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor | Date of 13-2 Notice | Date of Possession | Present Outstanding balance as on 12.01.2025                                                   | Date & Time of Inspection of the property | Reserve Price in INR                                   | Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR                          | Date and Time of E-Auction | Last Date Time & Place for submission of Bid                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1       | 46999410000589, 469996300000764 & 46999800000058 | 1) Mr. Narasappa N<br>2) Mrs. Kanthamma           | 09.08.2024          | 06.01.2025         | Rs.30,319,90/- (Rupees Three Lakh Fifty thousand Three Hundred Nineteen And Ninety Paise Only) | 07.02.2025<br>Time 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM     | Rs.2,13,000/- (Rupees Two lakh Thirteen Thousand Only) | Rs.21,300/- (Rupees Twenty One Thousand Three Hundred Only) | 21.02.2025 @ 02:00PM       | 20.02.2025 Till 5.00 PM<br>Jana Small Finance Bank, Head Office - The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No. 10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071 |

**Details of Secured Assets:** All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Katha serial No.832, Property No.39/1, Situated at Hosahalli Village, comes within the purview of Hosahalli Grama Panchayath, Sasalu Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, measuring East-West 30 Feet, North-South 21 Feet, total measuring 630 Sq. Feet, and bounded on: East By: Road, West By: House of Rathnamma, North By: House of Jayamma, South By: House of Maheshwaramma.

The properties are being held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" & "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and the E-Auction will be conducted "On Line". The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider M/S. 4 Closure at the web portal <https://bankauctions.in> & [www.foralecureindia.com](http://www.foralecureindia.com). For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact M/S. 4 Closure; Contact Mr. M Srinivasulu Contact Number: 8142000809. Email id: [info@bankauctions.in](mailto:info@bankauctions.in)/srinivas@bankauctions.in.

For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to private please contact Jana Small Finance Bank authorized officers Mr. Ranjan Naik (6362952653), Mr. Umesh (6050149617) & Mrs. Syeda (7400445147). To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named borrowers/Guarantor/Mortgagors about a e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 16.01.2025, Place: Doddaballapura  
Sd/- Authorised Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

**Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.**  
Corporate Office : Unit No.802, Natraj Rustomjee, Western Express Highway and M.V.Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai- 400069.  
Kr puram Branch :Office No. 1218, 2nd Floor, Pooja Complex, Old Madras Road, K R Puram, Bangalore-560036(Karnataka).  
**E-AUCTION - SALE NOTICE**  
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable Properties under the Securitizationand Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.  
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Kr Puram Branch of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" with no known encumbrances Particulars of which are given below:-

| Sr. No. | Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)                                                            | Demand Notice Date and Amount | Description of the Immovable property                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Reserve Price (RP)                                                                    | Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP) | Nature of possession |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1.      | Loan Code No : 21410000120<br>Kr Puram Branch)<br>Rajith A P (Borrower)<br>Paithra R (1st Co Borrower) | 13-05-2024<br>₹ 35,37,557.00  | All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Flat No 305, 2nd floor, in Sri Kanaka Mahalakshmi Homes, Measuring super built up area of 1149 sq.ft, one covered car parking constructed on the property bearing 150200203500121531 formed in Sy No.11/13 with measuring 0.08 guntas converted through DC order Bearing No ALN/NY/SR29/2017-18, Situated at Vadehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, . Bounded on East by : Private Property, West by : Road, North by : Private Property and South by : Passage. | ₹ 33,09,120.00<br>(Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Nine Thousand One Hundred Twenty Only)</ |                                         |                      |



**I. RATAN LAL SHARMA**, aged about 70 years, S/o. Heera Lal, residing at No.61, 16th Main Road, BTM Layout, Near to Mico Layout Police Station, Bangalore-560 076, do hereby inform to the general public that in order to carry out a sale transaction concerning to property in December 2024, I had carried along with me all these relevant documents in which I was headed to the Advocate's Office, situated at Kodagalli Village, during my travel to the Advocate office, the Original Notarized General Power of Attorney dated 09.05.1994, executed by Sri. Narayana Reddy, in favour of Smt. Gangamma, that was in my possession was mis-placed. Respite, if in best efforts I could not trace the same and in this regard, I had filed the complaint through E-lost portal Application on 13.01.2025, on submitting the Application for the loss of General Power of Attorney dated 09.05.1994, The Karnataka Police has issued me the E-lost Report. If anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession, please handover the same to the above said address or contact me on 8473767307.

## NOTICE OF LOSS OF SHARE CERTIFICATES

Notice is hereby given that share certificates of **GRASIM INDUSTRIES LIMITED** belonging to **K CHETHANA** and **KUSUMA DEVADIGA** with Registered Folio No. **071345** with Certificate no. **3125488** with distinctive No from **450009996** to distinctive No. **450010220** amounting to total no of **225 shares** are lost / misplaced. Any finders of these documents call Call: **9845237648**.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY**  
NOTICE is hereby given that **Mrs. Krishna Bai** is willing to sell the schedule property in favour of my Client **Mr. A. Adresh Reddy** free from all encumbrances. Any person having any right, title, interest, claim or demand of any nature whatsoever in respect of the said property, is hereby required to make the same known in writing along with the documentary proof thereof, to the below mentioned his Counsel **Mr. RAJESH K.** Office at Third Floor, Above Favara Car World, SMN Complex, Whitefield Main Road, Thubarahalli, Bangalore. within 7 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which the negotiations shall be completed, without any reference to such claims and the claims if any, shall be deemed to have been given up or waived.

**SCHEDULE:**  
All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Site No. 83, Khata No: 79, measuring East to West: on the Northern side 37'4" and North to South: on the Eastern side 62'8" Feet, on the Western side 37'4" + 28 Feet, totally measuring 2184 Square Feet, formed in (Old Sy No: 17) New Sy No: 17/4, situated at Kodigehalli Village, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk.  
Contact : **Mr.RADESH BE, L.L.B, LL.M**  
Director - MKM Legal Solutions Pvt Ltd.  
e-mail id: **radesh@mkmlegalsolutions.com**  
Contact No: +91 9980841695

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Sale Deed documents of **Late C. Basavaiah**, who was residing at Harohalli Kote, Harohalli, have been lost/misplaced. These documents pertaining to **Sy. No.151B**, which were Registered at Sub-registrar office Kanakapura, are misplaced/lost in the below mentioned address and same has been reported to the Annapoorneswari Nagar Police Station, Bengaluru on 24-12-2024.  
1) Sale Deed dated 05-03-1980, vide registered document No.4437/1979-80, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Kanakapura pertaining to 15 guntas of land.  
2) Sale Deed dated 16-04-1980, vide registered document No.400/1980-81 in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Kanakapura pertaining 5 guntas of land.

Any person/s in possession of the above said Original Sale Deeds should return the same to the undersigned or contact mobile Number within 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice.

## C. B. Shivannara,

# 278, Sneha Sangama Apartments,  
3 D Cross, Health Layout,  
Annapoorneswari Nagar,

Place: Bengaluru Mob: 9845263179

Date: 15-01-2025

## PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client, **B.S. ASHOK KUMAR**, S/o. Late **N.S. Subbaraya Setty**, R/at: **No.678, "Kusum Dham", 15th Main Road, 38th Cross, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560 041**, had lost the original document i.e. Regd. Sale Deed dt.05.11.2014, Regd. as Doc. No. BDA-1-02557/2014-15, in Book-L, Stored in C.No.BDAD206, in the Office of the District additional-Registrar, Bangalore, Possession Certificate and other relevant Documents pertaining to the Residential Vacant Site bearing No. 1381, Measuring East to West: 40 ft and North to South: 60 ft, in total 2400 Sq.ft. Situated at Kengeri Satellite Town Bhadavane, Kengeri now Property comes under the revenue Jurisdictions of BMMP Located at 1381, Valageri Halli, 1st Main, 10th Cross, KST MTS Layout, Bangalore while taking out Xerox copy of it at Jayanagar Shopping Complex IVth Block, Jayanagar when he visited to bank for availed loan and the same could not be traced in spite of his best efforts.

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Sd/- **SURESH REDDY K.** Advocate  
No. 84/1, D.V.V. Road,  
Basavanagudi, Bangalore,  
Mobile No. 9481826640

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TVP/M, 16.01.25  
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No. SEE/HRD/AO/AEE/AE/MNG/2024-25/F-13/473 Date: 08.01.2025

## PAPER NOTIFICATION

Mangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited invites applications for Selection of Candidates for Apprenticeship Training for the year 2025-26. The Applicants may directly upload application in <https://nats.education.gov.in>

| Sl. No. | Type of Apprenticeship                   | No. of Vacancy | Education Qualification              |
|---------|------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1       | Engineering Graduate Apprentice Trainees | 70             | B.E., (E & E), (E & C)               |
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| 3       | Non-Technical General Stream Graduates   | 65             | B.A./B.Sc/B.com/B.B.A./B.C.A         |
|         | Total                                    | 200            | -                                    |

Applicants are directed to submit the scanned copies of documents pertaining to educational qualification in the portal.

As per the Apprenticeship Training Act 1961 stipend fixed per month Rs. 9,000/- for Engineering Graduates Apprentice & Rs. 8,000/- for Diploma Engineering Apprentice and Rs. 9,000/- Non-Technical General Stream Graduates respectively.

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Last date for submission of application **03.03.2025**.

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| First Round | Second Round | Depot / Division | Officer in Charge                                  | Contact No.                 |
|-------------|--------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 03/02/2025  | 17/02/2025   | Pratapnagar      | Deputy Chief Materials Manager - Pratapnagar       | 0265-2658858<br>9724045550  |
| 04/02/2025  | 18/02/2025   | Mahalakshmi      | Deputy Chief Materials Manager - Mahalakshmi       | 022-24929571<br>99004495750 |
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| 05/02/2025  | 17/02/2025   | Ratlam           | Sr. Divisional Materials Manager - Ratlam          | 0741 2230080<br>09752492750 |
| 06/02/2025  | 20/02/2025   | Vadodara         | Sr. Divisional Materials Manager - Vadodara        | 02652641592<br>09724091570  |
| 07/02/2025  | 21/02/2025   | Sabarnati        | Deputy Chief Materials Manager - Sabarnati         | 07927500080<br>09724093774  |
| 10/02/2025  | 24/02/2025   | Mumbai Central   | Sr. Divisional Materials Manager - Mumbai Central  | 022-23094142<br>99004499006 |
| 11/02/2025  | 25/02/2025   | Ahmedabad        | Sr. Divisional Materials Manager - Ahmedabad       | 07922205888<br>09724093750  |
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| 13/02/2025  | 27/02/2025   | Bhanavagar Para  | Sr. Divisional Materials Manager - Bhanavagar Para | 02782443600<br>09724097750  |
| 14/02/2025  | 27/02/2025   | Dahod            | Deputy Chief Materials Manager - Dahod             | 02673241295<br>09724090455  |

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Note: (1) Railway reserves the right to withdraw any lot from e-Auction. (2) e-Auction will start at as per scheduled time. (3) e-Auction catalogues will be available on site [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) e-Auction portal. (4) In case of any assistance required regarding e-Auction, digital signatures, Registration procedure and participation, please contact above mentioned Depot/Divisional Officer. (5) All payment transactions shall be done through the online payment gateway. (No.S/III/Auction Programme-1/February 2025, Dated 07.01.2025)

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## RECOGNISE REASONS FOR OPPOSITION TO NEW UGC RULES

THE University Grants Commission's draft regulations on appointments to higher-education institutions have become another rope between the central and several state governments to tug on. A key provision on appointing vice-chancellors has infuriated some states. They say that if implemented, the rules will tilt the authority of selecting VCs clearly in favour of state governors.

At present, the selection committees include nominees of the governor, the state government, and the institution's senate or a similar governing body. The 2018 rules, which mandated the inclusion of a nominee of the UGC chairperson, is already a bone of contention. It has led to at least six state-run universities remaining headless in Tamil Nadu, where the governor and the state government are on a collision course. The proposed rules will change the committee's composition to include just three nominees—one each from the governor, the UGC chairperson and the senate—effectively nixing the role of the state government. For the first time, the draft also lists punitive measures if the regulations are not followed.

The vehement opposition from Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka—that have consistently performed better in higher education—is mainly about the attack on their autonomy. Tamil Nadu recently witnessed a rare bonhomie between the ruling DMK and its arch-rival AIADMK when the former moved a resolution against the draft in the assembly. In Kerala, too, the ruling LDF and the Congress-led UDF have joined hands; Kerala is also hoping to garner the support of other states in opposing the draft. While the Congress termed the draft “draconian”, the Karnataka government has written to the Union education minister registering its strong opposition.

Some have termed the inclusion of people from industry among those eligible to be VCs as an indirect attempt by the Centre to “ideologically infiltrate” institutions. Concerns have also been expressed that the proposed changes are an attempt to circumvent the opposition from some states in implementing the National Education Policy. The UGC has given till February 5 to provide feedback on the draft. With the opposition to it getting louder by the day, it would be prudent for the UGC to recognise the reasons and take a step back. If not, it may lead to prolonged litigations resulting in stalled administration at several institutions. Ultimately, higher education would suffer.

## CLEAR FUNDING IMPASSE OVER AYUSHMAN COVER

THE Ayushman Bharat Yojana card is a dud in Karnataka—the health insurance scheme does not cover treatment costs of the needy and elderly citizens enrolled for it. Recently, a 72-year-old retired government employee diagnosed with gastric cancer was denied cover at the government-run Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology in Bengaluru; financially drained and fearful of high costs, he chose to die by suicide. Other senior citizens are in a similarly hopeless situation. The reason given by hospitals is that the Karnataka government has not yet issued instructions on the use of the Ayushman card.

The Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana was recently extended to cover all citizens aged 70 and above, socio-economic stratum no bar. The insurance scheme of ₹5 lakh a year covers treatment, medication, diagnosis and pre-hospitalisation expenses. What should be an anxiety-free hospital experience is causing distress to senior citizens and others, with the central and state governments at odds over the funding ratio. Originally fixed at 60:40, the state government claims it is now expected to pay 75 percent of the cost, forcing it to hold back; it has sought the Centre's support to implement the cashless hospitalisation scheme. Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao admitted to a delay over the standoff, and said the state is entitled to ₹36.58 crore from the Centre, but repeated requests have elicited no response. It has led to bickering on social media, with Rao claiming the Centre wants to take credit for the scheme which is mostly paid for by the state, and Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya accusing the state of betraying its elderly.

The central government has sought a report and the National Human Rights Commission has issued notice to the state on why senior citizens are not benefiting from the welfare scheme, which amounts to violation of their right to health. Caught between the two governments are the ill and the needy. It would be in citizens' interest to reach an understanding so that the fund flow is unhindered. Even as the issue of unfair devolution of funds festers, this should not turn into another federal impasse.

### QUICK TAKE

#### TALKING ABOUT TRAFFIC

INDIA has nothing to tom-tom about in navigation service company TomTom's recent report on average traffic speeds across 500 cities in 62 countries. Traffic in Kolkata, Bengaluru and Pune in 2024 was considered slower than only Barranquilla in Colombia. Of the 10 Indian cities surveyed, Delhi was judged the fastest, with a 10-km travel near the city centre 12 precious minutes faster than in Kolkata. We know this slowness results in massive economic losses, health hazards and pollution surge. But this is all about cars and roads. We also need a global index on the coverage, adoption and speed of mass rapid transport systems. That's the way of the future.

**R**IGHT after the end of the Cold War, then Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao presciently outlined India's 'Look East' policy. It was aimed at addressing our neglect of Southeast Asia despite multi-layered cultural connections. It was expected that looking eastwards would accrue multi-dimensional benefits to India in trade, development and strategic ties.

The desire to replicate the economic miracle that some ASEAN and East Asian countries had gone through was also in the larger gameplan. To facilitate that, India subsequently reduced much of its trade barriers. Government data suggests that Look East also contributed in enhancing the number of inbound tourists from Southeast Asia.

Post 2014, the policy was taken to a different level with renewed emphasis and a new name—Act East. The emphasis was not just on action, but also on the centrality of Northeast India in this policy. Taking ahead the legacy of Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who had established the department for the development of the Northeast region, the Narendra Modi government envisioned closer cooperation between India's oil-rich and tea-growing Northeast and Southeast Asia. Addressing the East Asia summit at Myanmar's Naypyidaw in 2014, Modi said, “Commerce, culture and connectivity—these three Cs are the pillars of India's current Act East policy.”

Since then, the policy has achieved remarkable success in both evolving and implementing fresh policy approaches. While the Look East policy focused solely on the ASEAN, Act East expanded the strategic scope, emphasising the broader Indo-Pacific region with ASEAN at its core. It resulted in stronger multilateral and regional engagements through closer partnerships with Bimstec, Asia Cooperation Dialogue and the Indian Ocean Rim Association, too. Besides, more impetus given to defence diplomacy and institutional cooperation resulted in the Philippines buying BrahMos missiles and the signing of a military logistics pact between India and Vietnam.

Last week, speaking at the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas in Bhubaneswar, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar again invoked the spirit of India's policy towards the East. Eulogising the strength of the host state, he said that just like the key pillars of India's Look East and Act East policies, Odisha can offer three Ts—trade, technology and tourism.

India can invigorate its engagement with East Asia through the shared cultural traditions of Buddhism and the epics. To do that effectively, linguistic links will be essential

## THE BRIDGES INDIA NEEDS TO THE EAST

VINAY SAHASRABUDDHE

Senior BJP leader



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Government leaders are deeply conscious of the fact that for translating the Act East policy, some more concrete and time-bound actions are needed in select areas. To that end, it would be worthwhile to focus on two important aspects of our cultural heritage: our shared epical traditions of the *Ramayan* and the *Mahabharat*, and our shared spiritual and philosophical tradition of Buddhism. However, these two cannot achieve adequate success without strong linguistic linkages. Hence, a crucial action point would be about building strong language bridges with most Southeast Asian countries.

First, let's look at the epical traditions. People in 25-30 countries around the world relate to the two Indian epics

in one way or another. When the Indian Council for Cultural Relations conducts its Ramayan festival, over 15 countries—including the fully-Islamic Brunei—participate, giving out a strong message that although belief systems may have changed, the underlying culture has a lot in common.

This underscores the fact that the deep cultural impact of both the *Ramayan* and the *Mahabharat* is not confined to India. These epics, considered a reflection of millenniums-old history, look at some basic human values with a universal appeal. Hence, just like the technology- and economy-oriented Bimstec, can we also think of another grouping that could be named the *Ramayan-Mahabharat* countries?

Buddhism provides yet another strong linkage between India and the East—here, there are limitless potentials we can build upon. India is the land of the evolution, growth and spread of Buddhism. It was a battery of committed Buddhist teachers and priests from India who have to be credited for the spread of Buddhism in other parts of the world—across Tibet and China, and then on to Japan, and throughout South-east Asia via Sri Lanka.

Bodhi Gaya, where Buddha attained enlightenment and the most sacred place for the followers of Buddhism, is in India, where over 8 million practising Buddhists live. The depth of Buddhism's influence is abundantly visible in Indian art, culture and architecture.

But today, China is trying to claim the Buddhist legacy with louder articulation. India needs to effectively emphasise the fact that Buddhism is inherent to the idea of India and an inseparable part of its heritage. To that end, we must undertake measures like organising large global conferences on Buddhist studies, recognising Buddhist scholars and priests from across the world, promoting the Buddhist tourism circuit in a more comprehensive manner, promoting Buddhist art, and standing firmly behind all Buddhist monks facing injustice and atrocities.

To build upon both the shared traditions, India will need to walk the language path. For any country, the languages in its neighbourhood are important for many reasons. India is surrounded by at least 12 connected groups speaking as many languages—Sinhala, Bahasa Malaysia, Bahasa Indonesia, Burmese, Thai, Khmer, Bhoti, Uzbek, Kazakh, Bhutanese, Nepali and Pashto. Of these, there is no university department in India offering undergraduate courses in Sinhala, Khmer, Bhutanese, Bhoti and Kazakh. A central university in the Northeast teaches Burmese, but to very few students.

Languages are vehicles of culture and India's relations with the East are essentially based on a cultural foundation. Hence, apart from promoting courses in these languages, we also will have to dub or subtitle our films in these languages. Creating children's literature with Indian stories in these languages will go a long way in promoting links with the Alfa and Beta generations in those countries. The next step of Act East should be Attract East.

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## THE OTHER WARS WE ARE FAILING TO NOTICE

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ports that in “the past five years, conflict levels have almost doubled” [...] This is largely due to three very large conflicts beginning or restarting during that time—Ukraine, Gaza and Myanmar—coupled with continued violence in many other countries with high rates of conflict, including Sudan, Mexico, Yemen and Sahel countries.” Gaza contributed at least 21.5 percent of these casualties; fatalities shot up by



More countries are conflict-ridden at present than at any time since the Second World War. The number of territories engaged in extreme conflicts, such as Sudan, doubled in 2024. The US has a direct or indirect role in about two-thirds of these skirmishes around the world

315 percent in the MENA region.

The US is implicated neck deep in Gaza and Ukraine. As for Myanmar, according to the Wilson Centre's Lucas Myers, “In November 2022, Congress passed the BURMA Act as part of the 2022-23 National Defense Authorisation Act, further enshrining these goals into law. It states that it is US policy to continue to support the people of Burma in their struggle for democracy, human rights, and justice.” Observers expect this region to roil as the US pokes at the troubles it stoked in neighbouring Bangladesh. The binary—the US + supported countries vs opposing states—persists in many parts of the world.

The US often does not classify even

its major conflicts, those with at least 1,000 deaths a year, as “war”. The massive Iraq, Afghanistan, Persian Gulf, Korean, Vietnam conflicts have escaped categorisation as wars. Of the 119 conflicts that the US has been tied into, the only ones formally declared were the American-British War of 1812, Mexican War of 1846, Spanish American War of 1898, the First World War (which it entered three years after it began), and the Second World War (entered two years after it began).

The US's extraterritorial incursions began as soon as the world entered the 19th century, with an action in Tripoli, which presaged its intervention in the region. By 1814, its nematocysts had touched Latin America; by 1827 Europe; by 1832 Southeast Asia; by 1851 the Levant; by 1853 Japan; by 1867 Formosa or Taiwan; by 1918 Russia; by 1940 the Caribbean; by 1941 Greenland, the Netherlands, Iceland, and Germany; by 1982 Eastern Europe; by 1996 Central Africa; and by 1997 West Africa.

The ACLED expects matters to worsen in 2025 in Israel, Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Myanmar, Mexico, Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Sudan, Ukraine, Colombia, Pakistan, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda and Burundi. The US has already poked and prodded many of them.

In 2022, the US provided arms to Ukraine alone worth \$18.1 billion. In 2023, this went up to \$80.9 billion. Worldwide, the sales were worth \$238 billion, of which the US government directly negotiated \$81 billion, a 56 percent increase from 2022. In 2023, the US gave Israel \$21.2 billion; in 2024, this had gone up to \$42.76 billion.

In this great game, who wins? In 2022, US defence companies pulled in \$966.7 billion. In 2024, this went up to \$994.6 billion. This year, the sales are expected to cross \$1 trillion, perhaps even beating the 2010 peak of \$1.2 trillion.

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### MAIL BAG

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#### Weather app

Ref: *The changing skies of our weather office* (Jan 15). It was really heartening to read about the advancement of technology at IMD over the decades. Yet, all of us refer to the international site weather.com for daily updates on Indian cities, as the IMD app is at best rudimentary. Hope it's improved.

Anand Hosmane, email

#### Dam effect

Ref: *Dam-building spree is a zero-sum game* (Jan 15). China's move to build a gigantic dam on the Yarlung Tsangpo is a nightmare. The vulnerability of the Himalayan region to seismic hazards, the possibility glacial lake outbursts, the riparian rights of downstream inhabitants and other environmental impacts should be addressed first. India must take up the issue on international forums.

Jiji Pandiker K, Chengannur

#### Patient pilgrims

Ref: *Learning from Kumbh* (Jan 15). It's true that crowd management at the Kumbh mela is of superior order and needs to be emulated at other pilgrimage destinations. But pilgrims also should be disciplined and follow the guidelines to prevent stampedes. Patience and strict adherence to rules are crucial to ensure trouble-free conduct and avert accidents.

Rajarao Kumar, Bengaluru

#### Unravelling trauma

I disagree with the Douglas Adams quote—his assertion that a person's mental health is comparable to the weather and therefore out of their control. Our mental makeup is often a consequence of traumas and unhealthy emotional habits, which we need to unravel to make a positive change. A therapist can help us do that. It's not about complaining; it's about unravelling.

Abhijeet Tambe, email

#### Anti-immigration moves

As Donald Trump takes oath, Indians are concerned about H1-B visas. There is a possibility of American employers withdrawing job offers. There is also a fear of American colleges getting caught up in his anti-immigration rhetoric. Indians' worries are real.

K M K Murthy, Secunderabad

#### Delayed payment

Contractors' complaints about non-payment of bills for work done for the government or political parties are not new in Karnataka or elsewhere in the country. This is where the demand for commission comes into play. Just imagine how much extra the public are paying for this state of affairs.

V H Subramoney, Bengaluru





**Jagat Prakash Nadra** @JPNadra  
Congress has a history of encouraging the forces who want a weak India. Their greed for power meant compromising the nation's integrity.



**TS Singhdeo** @TS\_SinghDeo  
The RSS is still unable to accept India's independence and the Constitution even though the country has made unprecedented progress in 75 years of independence.



**Yogendra Yadav** @YogendraYadav  
Whenever (Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar) is asked questions in press meets, he replies in poetry, but can he give a direct answer to questions raised on the credibility of the EC during his tenure?

# 3 combat platforms added to Navy power

PM Narendra Modi says it is for the first time that the tri-commissioning of a destroyer, frigate and submarine done

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi commissioned three frontline naval warships — INS Surat, INS Nilgiri and INS Vaghsheer — at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai on Tuesday.

Remarking that it was a big day for India's maritime heritage, the glorious history of the Navy and the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan (self-reliant India campaign), the Prime Minister said, "It is for the first time that the tri-commissioning of a destroyer, frigate and submarine was being done simultaneously."

He emphasized that it was also a matter of pride that all the three frontline platforms were made in India. "Today's programme links our glorious heritage with our future aspirations," Modi said.

Delving into the past, the Prime Minister acknowledged that Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj had given a new strength and vision to the Navy in India. He said that India has a rich history related to long sea voyages, commerce, naval defence and ship industry. Taking a cue from this rich history, India is emerging as a major maritime power in the world, Modi said, adding that the platforms launched today displayed a glimpse of the same.

The Prime Minister noted



Launched in commemoration of an era when Gujarat's ports connected India to West India, the final vessel of the Project 15B stealth destroyer class enhances Navy's surface fleet with improvements in design and capability. Built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), it complements India's advanced naval fleet.



Dedicated to the maritime prowess of the Chola dynasty, this lead ship of the Project 17A stealth frigate class is equipped with advanced stealth technology and reduced radar signatures, making it a major advancement over predecessors. It has been designed by Navy's Warship Design Bureau and constructed by MDL.



Vaghsheer, the sixth submarine under Scorpene-class Project 75, follows commissioning of the first submarine Kalvari a few years ago. It is designed for roles like anti-surface warfare, anti-submarine warfare and intelligence gathering. Its construction enables future upgrades, including air-independent propulsion technology.

that INS Nilgiri is dedicated to the maritime prowess of the Chola dynasty, and INS Surat is reminiscent of the era when Gujarat's ports connected India to the West Asia. He also mentioned that the Vaghsheer submarine, the sixth in the P75 class, follows the commissioning of the first submarine, Kalvari, a few years ago. These new frontier platforms "will enhance both India's security and progress," he said.

Emphasizing the significant role of maritime nations like India in shaping global security, economics, and geopolitical dynamics, the Prime Minister said, "India is today recognised as a reliable and responsible partner globally, especially in the Global South." He added that India considers the defence and security of the entire region as its responsibility, and highlighted the importance of protecting territorial waters,

ensuring freedom of navigation, and securing trade supply lines and sea routes for economic progress and energy security.

Noting the importance of investing in new shipping routes and sea lanes of communication and expressing satisfaction that India is continuously taking steps in this direction, the Prime Minister remarked that "India has emerged as the first responder in the Indian

Ocean Region".

The Prime Minister highlighted the strengthening of India's economic cooperation with ASEAN, Australia, Gulf countries and African nations, attributing this to India's presence and capabilities in the Indian Ocean Region.

The PM stressed on the adoption of Aatmanirbhar (self-reliance) by India's armed forces over the past decade. Highlighting that the armed forces have identified over 5,000 items and equipment that will no longer be imported, the Prime Minister expressed satisfaction with the Navy's significant expansion of the Make-in-India initiative. He also acknowledged the crucial role of Mazagon Dockyard Shipbuilders Limited in Mumbai.

Speaking on the occasion, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh described the commissioning of the three warships as historic, and a testimony to the growing strength of not just the Indian Navy, but the country as a whole, in the Indian Ocean Region.

"Over 75% of the content of INS Surat and INS Nilgiri has been developed in India itself. Indigenous content is also increasing continuously in other platforms being manufactured within the country," he said.

He said the focus is on low cost and high impact systems.

# Meta apologises for Zuckerberg's faulty remarks

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

META India tendered an apology on Wednesday for company CEO Mark Zuckerberg's erroneous remarks about the outcome of the Indian general election 2024.

The apology followed public criticism of the remarks by Union I&B and IT minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.

Meta India's Vice President Shvinnath Thukral wrote on X: "Dear Honourable Minister @AshwiniVaishnaw, Mark's observation that many incumbent parties were not re-elected in 2024 elections holds true for several countries, BUT not India."

Then came the apology: "We would like to apologise for this inadvertent error. India remains an incredibly important country for @Meta and we look forward to being at the heart of its innovative future".

The controversial remarks were made during a Joe Rogan podcast when the Meta co-founder included India in his list of countries he claimed had lost elections in 2024.

After Vaishnav's criticism, the Chairman of Parliament's Standing Committee on Communications and Information



Technology, Nishikant Dubey, announced his Panel would summon Meta to apologise and face legal action if they didn't.

However, following Meta's public apology, Dubey said the matter was "closed". "Now the responsibility of our committee ends on this issue. We will call these social media platforms in the future on other issues", Dubey remarked.

Dubey said in a post: "The Indian Parliament and government have the blessings and public trust of 140 crore people. @Meta, The Indian official has finally apologised for his mistakes. This is the victory of the common citizens of India".

He pointed out that the people have introduced the country's strongest leadership to the world by making Narendra Modi PM for the third term.

# Delhi liquor scam: ED gets MHA nod to prosecute Kejriwal, Sisodia

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

AMID the high-stake Delhi election campaign, the Centre has given its nod to the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to prosecute top leaders of the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Arvind Kejriwal and Manish Sisodia, under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) for their alleged involvement in laundering proceeds of crime linked to the liquor 'scam' case.

Officials said on Wednesday that ED received the orders from the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) earlier this month. The latest development in the case pertains to alleged irregularities in the now-scrapped Delhi liquor policy for 2021-22.

The prosecution sanctions come when the two leaders are involved in election campaigning. Both are out on bail in the case after Kejriwal and Sisodia secured regular bail last year.

The development is significant as a special PMLA court in Delhi had postponed framing of charges against Kejriwal after he had challenged the trial court's decision to take cogni-



zance of the charge sheet in the absence of specific sanction for prosecution under provisions of the PMLA.

Meanwhile, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), which has also filed a charge sheet against Kejriwal under the Prevention of Corruption Act, received the necessary sanction for prosecution from the MHA in August last year.

It follows the Supreme Court's November 6 ruling mandating the ED to obtain prior sanction for prosecution under Section 197(1) of the Criminal Procedure Code (now Section 218 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita) in

money laundering cases, similar to what the CBI requires.

Arvind Kejriwal and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) stand accused of accepting bribes from the 'South Group', a cartel that controlled the sale and distribution of liquor in Delhi and allegedly profited from the excise policy implemented by the Delhi government for 2021-22.

To date, the ED has searched 245 locations across the country, including Delhi, Hyderabad, Chennai, Mumbai and other places in the case.

Over a dozen persons, including Arvind Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia, Sanjay Singh and Vijay Nair from AAP, have been arrested in the case so far.

Kejriwal was arrested by the ED on March 21 under criminal provisions of the PMLA and named in a charge sheet, which the agency filed on May 17. The ED claimed that out of an alleged ₹100-crore bribe received for favouring certain liquor traders, ₹45 crore was used to fund AAP's Goa election campaign. It claimed that Kejriwal was ultimately responsible for overseeing the party's fund and activities as the AAP's national convenor.

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY

@ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday asked the Punjab government for detailed medical reports and latest vitals of fasting farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal for an independent assessment of his medical condition by AIIMS, Delhi.

"The Chief Secretary of Punjab is directed to handover the reports to the Registrar (Judicial) of the Supreme Court, who shall then obtain the medical opinion from the AIIMS Director," said the two-judge bench, led by Justices Surya Kant and N Kotiswar Singh.

The top court wondered how that could be when senior advocate Kapil Sibal, representing the State of Punjab, informed the court that septuagenarian Dallewal's health parameters were "improving" even 49 days after beginning the fast.

"How can it be that a previous affidavit said his condition was deteriorating, whereas it is improving now, the bench asked. "He is stable now," Sibal then clarified.

Sibal also said the Punjab government has filed an affidavit on Dallewal's latest vitals. He informed that a medical facility now existed just 10 me-

## ALSO IN TOP COURT

### Relief for Puja Khedkar in cheating case

In a major relief to former IAS trainee officer Puja Khedkar, accused of forging her documents to obtain eligibility for the 2022 UPSC test, the top court on Wednesday ordered that no coercive steps be taken against her till the next date of hearing on February 14. A two-judge bench issued notices to Delhi government and others after hearing Khedkar's plea challenging a Delhi High Court order.

### Mosque row: SC defers next hearing

After the mosque management committee appealed against the order of a single-judge bench of the Allahabad High Court, which rejected its petition in the Sri Krishna Janmabhoomi-Shahi Eidgah dispute, the Supreme Court on Wednesday deferred the hearing to March.



### SC bins 2009 PIL against Mayawati

In a relief to BSP chief Mayawati, the apex court on Wednesday disposed of a plea filed in 2009 seeking a probe into the alleged spending of more than ₹2,000 crore from the UP government's budget to install elephant statues and personal glorification, when she was the chief minister of the state.

tres from the protest site.

The matter is now posted for January 29.

Dallewal is pressing for legal guarantee for Minimum Support Price on crops and has refused to give up for anything less.

On Wednesday, the top court also heard a contempt petition seeking appropriate action against the Punjab government for allegedly not complying

with its directions to take Dallewal to a hospital on December 20 last year.

At every hearing, the court had made it clear that his health was its topmost priority. It had also clarified that it was not trying to break his fast, but ensuring his well-being. It said that Dallewal can continue his hunger strike under medical aid even in hospital.

# Centre's reply sought over Cong appeal

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY

@ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday issued a notice and sought a detailed response from the Centre and Election Commission of India (ECI) on Congress leader Jairam Ramesh's plea challenging certain amendments made to the Conduct of the Election Rules of 1961.

A two-judge bench of Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice PV Sanjay Kumar said, "They need to file their respective replies before the week commencing on March 17".

AICC secretary Ramesh had alleged that the amendment did away with public access to essential information that makes the electoral process more transparent and accountable.

Senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Ramesh, argued that one of the reasons given in the press was that CCTV have been taken away to protect the voters' identity during the voting process.

# Kashi Tamil Sangamam 3.0 to be held from Feb 15-24, participants to visit Kumbh

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

THE third edition of Kashi Tamil Sangamam (KTS), which celebrates the age-old bonds between Tamil Nadu and Kashi, will be held from February 15 to 24, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan announced on Wednesday.

One of the key features this time is that over 1,000 participants will get to experience Maha Kumbh and visit Ram Mandir at Ayodhya, he said.

After launching the registration portal, Pradhan said, "The programme aims to celebrate, reaffirm and rediscover the age-old links between Tamil Nadu and Kashi, one of the country's most important and ancient seats of learning. The 10-day initiative will begin from January 15."

The portal [kashitamilitm.ac.in](http://kashitamilitm.ac.in), hosted by IIT Madras, will accept registrations till February 1. "KTS, which is a brainchild of Prime Minister Naren-

dra Modi, is an inspirational initiative to celebrate the timeless bonds between Tamil Nadu and Kashi, and strengthen the civilisational links and further the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat," Pradhan said.

He also said that it will be a celebration of one of India's most revered sages, Maharishi Agasthyar. "Maharishi Agasthyar's legacy is deeply woven into India's cultural and spiritual fabric," Pradhan said, adding that his intellectual brilliance "is the bedrock of Tamil language and literature as well as our shared values, knowledge, traditions and heritage."

Pradhan said KTS 3.0 holds a special significance as it coincides with Maha Kumbh, and it is also the first Sangamam after the 'pran pratishtha' of Shri Ram Lalla in Ayodhya.

"KTS 3.0 will bring Tamil Nadu and Kashi — the two timeless centres of our civilisation and culture — more closer than ever," Pradhan said.

# CUET-UG exam in computer-based mode in May, result in June: Kumar

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

THE National Testing Agency (NTA) is expected to conduct the Common University Entrance Test-Undergraduate (CUET-UG) 2025 exam in Computer Based Test (CBT) format in May, and the results may be announced in the first week of June, said University Grants Commission Chairman Prof M Jagadeesh Kumar.

Speaking to this newspaper, he said the NTA will announce the CUET-UG examination date sooner as they are scheduled for March.

He said following the recommendation of the committee led by former ISRO chairman Dr K Radhakrishnan, all entrance exams will now be held in CBT mode. The CUET-UG exam will happen only after the board exams, he added.

"Typically, board exams are over by April. It is in the NTA's domain to announce the exam date, depending on the logistics and declaration of the board results. They may hold the CUET-UG in May. The results will then be announced in June,



and admissions can take place from July, so from July mid, the new academic session can start," he said.

The committee was set up to recommend exam reformation, better security protocols, and its operation by the Union Education Ministry following allegations of cheating and mismanagement in the NEET-UG exams last year.

Following the Committee's recommendation, entrance exams will see changes this year. Now, students will take a maximum of five subjects. They are allowed to take subjects in the CUET irrespective

## Test format

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Also, the medium of examination will be in 13 languages (English, Hindi, Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu). The language-specific papers to test proficiency will be conducted as per CUET-UG 2024.

# In a first after Hasina's fall as PM, India-B'desh talks to begin on Feb 16

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

INDIA and Bangladesh will hold a four-day director general (DG)-level talks here beginning February 16 with border fencing and rise in infiltration attempts being major subjects of discussion, officials said on Wednesday.

The delegation-level meeting led by the Border Security Force DG and chief of Border Guard Bangladesh is taking place for the first time after the fall of the Sheikh Hasina government on August 5, 2024.

The meeting between the two sides will be held between February 16 and 19 as part of the 55th edition of these biannual talks and the agenda has been worked upon, officials said.

The issues related to objections raised by Bangladesh over the construction of "agreed upon" single-row fence at 92 identified patches covering about 95.8 km of the overall

## DG-level meeting

The delegation-level meeting led by the BSF DG and BGB chief is taking place for the first time after the fall of the Sheikh Hasina government on August 5, 2024.

4,096-km international border between the two countries are expected to be taken up with "prominence", sources said.

The joint record of discussions (JRD), which is signed by the chiefs of the BSF and BGB at the end of these talks, will be framed on the basis of the discussions, they said.

Obstruction to the work of fence construction on the Indian border was underlined last week after India and Bangladesh summoned each other's high commissioners in their respective national capitals.

Bangladesh has expressed "deep concern" over the "activities" of the BSF vis-a-vis fence erection and border killings when they called Indian High Commissioner Pranay Verma in Dhaka over the weekend.



# Future tense for INDIA bloc, predicts Mayawati

Claims all allies of Oppn grouping have gathered for self-interest

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

BAHUJAN Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati has slammed her political rivals for doing politics over Dr BR Ambedkar, and claimed the INDIA bloc has no future either in Uttar Pradesh or Delhi.

Only the BSP was the alternative to the BJP, she asserted on Wednesday, which is also her 69th birthday. UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav wished her on the occasion.

"Voters will have to be cautious of other parties trying to rake up Dalit issues and win in the name of Dr Ambedkar. Voters should decide only after checking which party has worked to change their lives at the grassroots level," she said.

Notably, the political graph of the BSP has been on a downslide since 2012. The party, which had formed government in a state like UP four times, had failed to open its account in last year's general election. Moreover, in the 2022 UP Assembly polls, the party's strength had shrunk to just one MLA.

Expanding on Dalit politics,



## Casteist parties trying to wean away Dalit vote bank

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She called upon the party workers to work in tandem to take the legacy of Baba Saheb and Kanshi Ram forward. "I will complete Baba Saheb's incomplete mission. Mere slogans will not suffice; concrete work will have to be done in every field. We are completely dedicated to completing the incomplete mission of Baba Saheb and other great men."

She targeted the Congress for allegedly involving reservations in litigation with the intention of ending them. She also played the BJP in the same breath: "Congress insulted Baba Saheb and the Dalit community, which can never be forgotten. BJP is also not far behind as its senior minister who insulted Baba Saheb has not apologised so far." Mayawati took a dig at siblings Rahul-Priyanka, saying: "The brother and sister are doing drama by wearing blue clothes."

About the upcoming Delhi Assembly polls, Mayawati claimed her party would perform brilliantly with a rider that "if the elections are completely fair then, believe me, the results will be shocking".

# Shah lauds Modi, says he brought water to parched north Gujarat

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

HOME Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for effectively addressing the acute water shortage issue during his tenure as the chief minister of Gujarat. During the inauguration and foundation stone-laying ceremony of various projects worth ₹241 crore at Ambod village in Mansa taluka, Gandhinagar district, Shah reflected on the efforts made to combat water scarcity.

He noted that when Modi became the CM, he worked tirelessly to tackle the issue. Shah recounting his own political journey mentioned that when he became an MLA in 1997, MLAs from north Gujarat frequently sought permission to dig borewells, which was denied as the region was classified as a dark zone, where groundwater levels dropped below 1,200 feet.

Addressing the gathering,



the BJP veteran hailed PM Modi, saying, "As Chief Minister, Narendra Modi brought water to the parched regions of north Gujarat by implementing various schemes."

Shah emphasised the impact of these initiatives, adding, "The schemes launched by Modi during his tenure as Gujarat CM helped raise groundwater levels and improve the quality of drinking water in north Gujarat."

He went on to highlight Modi's leadership in overcoming significant challenges, including those posed by Congress during the completion of the Narmada dam project. "Modi struggled and triumphed over the obstacles created by Congress to ensure the success of the Narmada scheme," Shah said, adding that now, the water from the Narmada dam reaches every household.

Earlier, Shah launched several key projects in Gujarat, aimed at enhancing water management and infrastructure.

## AIR QUALITY

Bombay HC panel to phase out petrol cars

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Bombay High Court has directed the Maharashtra government to form a panel to explore the feasibility of phasing out diesel and petrol vehicles, saying automobiles choking Mumbai's roads are a major contributor to the city's worsening air quality.

A division bench of Chief Justice D K Upadhyaya and Justice Girish Kulkarni directed the government to form a committee of experts and civil administrators within a fortnight to consider whether it will be feasible to phase out diesel- and petrol-based vehicles from Mumbai's roads and permit only those running on CNG or electricity.

The order was passed on a public interest litigation that the HC had taken up on its own in 2023 over the city's poor Air Quality Index. The court heard the matter on January 9. In its detailed order made available on Wednesday, the bench said vehicular pollution was a major contributor to worsening air quality in the city.

# BJP does caste arithmetic in Milkipur bypoll

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

MILKIPUR by-election is set to be a direct battle of nerves between the ruling-BJP and Samajwadi Party. The voting will take place on February 5. The BJP has reposed faith in Chandrabhan Paswan, a practising lawyer and a grass root level worker to wrest the Milkipur assembly seat. Meanwhile, SP has fielded Ajeet Prasad, son of Awadhesh Prasad.

While the BJP is leaving nothing to chance in a bid to wrest Milkipur from SP's kitty as it is considering the victory in the constituency as a grace saving exercise after losing Faizabad Lok Sabha to SP, the SP has the challenge of retaining the seat vacated by Awdhesh Prasad.

Keeping the caste equations in mind and with the intent to galvanise the party cadre, the BJP announced Paswan's candidature. Significantly, Milkipur assembly seat is considered to be an SP stronghold as the party has won the seat six times, including twice in by-elections. It won the seat in 1996, 2002, 2012 and 2022 state assembly polls, besides 1998 and 2004 by-elections.

Ajeet Prasad, who filed his nomination on Wednesday, belongs to the Pasi community. His father Awadhesh Prasad enjoys a respectable clout in the constituency.

# 7-day ED custody for ex-excise minister in C'garh liquor scam

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

A special PMLA court in Raipur on Wednesday remanded six-time Congress MLA and former excise minister Kawsai Lakhma to Enforcement Directorate (ED) custody for seven days in the alleged Chhattisgarh liquor scam.

Lakhma and his son Harish, who appeared before the ED for the third time, were arrested by the ED and produced before the court under high security. He was to visit along with his chartered accountant, but the Congress leader arrived alone.

The ED sought a 14-day remand, but the court granted only seven days. It is the first arrest of a cabinet-rank minister of the former Bhopesh Baghel government.

The central agency is investigating the alleged involvement of the Congress leader, who remains a prominent tribal face in Bastar, under the provision of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. During the raids, the ED reportedly seized incriminating documents and digital records.

Lakhma, a Konta (Sukma district) legislator, has maintained that he is illiterate and, as excise minister, put his signatures wherever he was asked to.

## Ex-Bengal minister gets bail in ration scam case

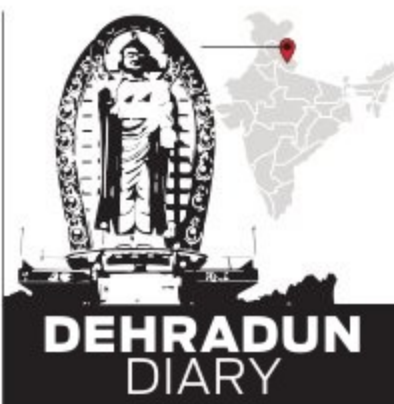
Former West Bengal forest minister Jyotipriya Mallick was granted bail by an ED sessions court on Wednesday in the ration scam case, 13 months after his arrest. Mallick provided two bonds and a personal bond of ₹50 lakh. He must cooperate with the investigation, surrender his passport, and refrain from "influencing" witnesses.

"I was framed, and the voices of the poor are being suppressed under the present regime", he said.

The state deputy chief minister, Arun Sao, wondered how any accused could even think of being exonerated in the scam by claiming he is illiterate. "The law will take its own course", the BJP leader asserted. So far, eight persons have been arrested.

After extensive searches at locations linked to Lakhma and his son on December 28, ED summoned both to Raipur for questioning on January 3. The premises of Raju Sahu, president of Sukma municipality, were subsequently raided.

The ED estimated that the suspects made around ₹2,161 crore from the alleged scam.



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## Akhilesh says backing stronger AAP in Delhi

SP leader Akhilesh Yadav has expressed his doubts about Congress's strength in Delhi, stating that AAP is better positioned to challenge the BJP. "Congress is weak in Delhi but AAP is strong enough to take on the BJP. That is why we are supporting them," he asserted. Yadav was in Haridwar on Wednesday to immerse his uncle Rajpal Yadav's ashes. Speaking to the media he raised questions regarding Congress's leadership within the INDIA alliance. "When the INDIA alliance was being formed, Nitish Kumar had held discussions with all anti-BJP parties and it was decided to strengthen regional parties where they are already strong," he noted.



## AIIMS Rishikesh uses drone to deliver meds

In a significant development, AIIMS Rishikesh on Wednesday used a drone to deliver medications for Hepatitis C patients at the Roshanabad District Jail. The drone covered the distance in approximately 23 minutes. Last month, of several jail inmates, ten had tested positive for Hepatitis C, prompting AIIMS specialists to recommend treatment. The medications were sourced specifically for these patients. On Wednesday at around 11:30 am, the drone departed with the medications, overseen by AIIMS Director Meenu Singh and Dr. Ajit Bhadoria.

## Gend mela lights up Makar Sankranti!

The Gend Mela, a well-known ball festival of the state, was celebrated in Pauri Garhwal on the occasion of Makar Sankranti. While this festival takes place in various locations, the events at Thaladi and Dadamandi are the most famous. The celebration of Makar Sankranti in the hilly regions was highlighted by vibrant Gend Melas, featuring thrilling matches. In one such competition, Karnyghati emerged victorious against Mavakot. These melas attracted many spectators.

# IIT Baba in search of Sanatan in Maha Kumbh

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

HE compares himself with Farhan Qureshi, played by R Madhavan in 2009 Bollywood hit 3 Idiots, as he claims that he left engineering to follow his passion for photography.

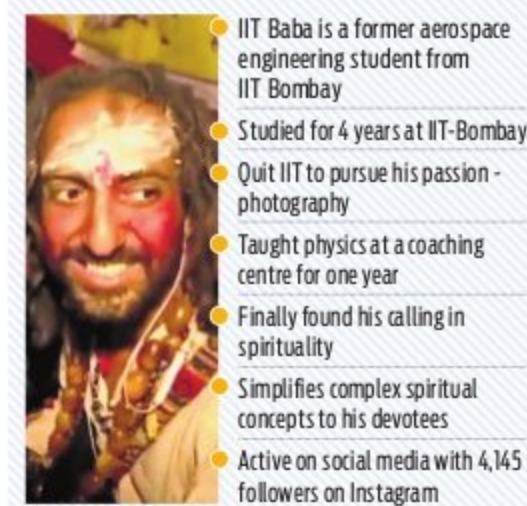
He is Abhay Singh, now known as IIT Baba by some and Engineer Baba by others, found on the Sangam ghats attending Maha Kumbh.

Reflecting on the growing pull among youth towards Sanatan, especially among professionals, it is not only Engineer Baba but many like him, from various walks of life, could be seen attending Maha Kumbh as they have taken to the spiritual path renouncing the worldly pursuits.

The ongoing Maha Kumbh is replete with many such stories. Abhay Singh, the Engineer Baba, is a native of Haryana. He claims to be a former aerospace engineering student from IIT-Bombay.

"I studied for four years at IIT-Bombay... completed MDS from there. But there was something amiss. Soon, I developed interest in arts and photography. Leaving IIT-Bombay,

## THE ETERNAL TRUTH



- IIT Baba is a former aerospace engineering student from IIT Bombay
- Studied for 4 years at IIT-Bombay
- Quit IIT to pursue his passion - photography
- Taught physics at a coaching centre for one year
- Finally found his calling in spirituality
- Simplifies complex spiritual concepts to his devotees
- Active on social media with 4,145 followers on Instagram

I started teaching physics at a coaching centre for one year to clear the entrance test to learn photography," he said.

An ascetic Singh, clad in saffron with Rudraksh around his neck, seems content with his decision to leave prestigious IIT-Bombay and a promising future to follow the path of spirituality. "Keep following the path of knowledge and wisdom, but you will end up right here, to your roots," says the Baba claiming that he has real-

ised the real truth of life.

He is drawing devotees to him with his unique approach, blending scientific knowledge with spiritual wisdom. Using diagrams and visual presentations, he simplifies complex spiritual concepts, making them relatable to modern minds.

Active on social media with 4,145 followers on Instagram, Engineer Baba's videos on Instagram pertain to spirituality, resurgence and revival of humanity, future and destruction,



A life of superficial glamour left me feeling hollow. After taking initiation from Swami Kailashanand Giri, I have discovered a purpose in life.

Harsha

meditation and bhakti movement.

Similarly, Harsha, a young and beautiful actor and model from Uttarakhand, who was once a part of the national and international glamour industry, took initiation from Swami Kailashanand Giri. Harsha took the initiation into Sanatan Dharma during Maha Kumbh.

Sharing her experience, she says: "A life full of show and superficial glamour left me feeling empty. I realized that true happiness and peace lie in the teachings of Sanatan Dharma. After taking initiation from Swami Kailashanand Giri, I have discovered a new purpose in life."

Then there is a 'Chai Wale Baba', a teaseller-turned-ascetic from Pratapgarh. He claims to be providing free coaching to civil services aspirants for the past 40 years without eating or speaking anything. Known as Dinesh Swaroop Brahmachari, he has taken the vow to remain silent and abstain from food, surviving solely on 10 cups of tea daily while guiding students through WhatsApp.

# Govt approves ₹1.6K cr package for Joshimath land submergence victims

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

THE Centre has sanctioned ₹1,640 crore for rehabilitation in Uttarakhand's Joshimath, where land subsidence displaced over 1,000 residents in early 2023. The funding is part of a previously announced relief package aimed at supporting those affected.

Speaking at a rally in Joshimath on Wednesday, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said, "I want to thank Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his support in the redevelopment of Joshimath, and we will now accelerate the rehabilitation efforts here."

Dhami emphasised the crucial role that the municipal chairperson will play in the redevelopment initiatives for Joshimath. "The municipal chairperson will have a significant responsibility in any redevelopment efforts undertaken in Joshimath," Dhami said, underscoring the importance of local leadership in addressing the ongoing challenges faced by the ancient town.



The Geological Survey of India reported that Joshimath has been grappling with land subsidence issues for nearly five decades, forcing many residents to migrate. Cracks in homes and buildings were first observed in 2021. Additionally, the Chamoli district of Uttarakhand has consistently faced problems related to landslides and flooding.

"The Mishra Committee report of 1976 indicated that the area where Joshimath is located has a subsurface composed of sand and stone deposits rather

than solid rock. The entire region is built on an ancient landslide zone," Atul Sati, convener of the Joshimath Bachao Sangharsh Samiti said.

In January 2023, land subsidence cases were reported, resulting in damage to around 65% of homes in Joshimath. This alarming situation prompted serious concerns from both the state and Centre, leading to a thorough survey conducted by a team of experts and the formulation of a comprehensive redevelopment plan.



**DOCUMENT LOST**

I, P. Deepak S/o Late Prakash Nikam A, aged about 32 years, residing at No.173/A, 2nd Cross Road, 11th Main Road, B.S.K. 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560050 and have lost the duplicate deeds of the property. Address of the property: property No.238, Sir.M.Vishveswara Layout, 3rd Block, Doddabasi Main Road, Bangalore-560056, this property being Reg.No. KEN-1-03310-2009-10, CD No.KEND413, Dated 22.01.2010. This is a purchase deed from J. Liaguati Ali to Smt. N. Nagamani, wife of Late M. Neelakatheshwara, issued by the Sub-Registrar's Office, Kengeri. I hereby certify that N. Nagamani has been issued a clean purchase deed by the Kengeri Sub-Registrar's Office, the original of which is in our possession, but the duplicate copy has been lost.

**L. Sankaraprasanna, B.A., L.L.B., Advocate and Notary**  
Government of India, Bangalore.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is information to the general public that my client's **SRI. VIKRAM UMACHAGI S/O LATE RUDRAPPA UMACHAGI**, R/at No 54, Innovative Gate, Madanayakant, Behind TCI Petrol Pump, Gardenayakantahalli, Bangalore-562162 who intends to purchase the schedule property, from its present owners **SRI.PRASADAPPA S/O M NARAYANAPPA**, R/AT 929, 3rd Cross, 11TH Block, 2ND Stage, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore-560072. If anybody having any right, share, claim or objection to the proposed purchase may file their objections in writing along with the copies of supporting documents within 7 days from the date of this publication to the purchaser's advocate at below mentioned address, failing which my clients or their nominees will be advised to go ahead and complete the formalities for the registration of the sale deed in respect of the schedule property.

**Schedule Property**  
All the piece and parcel of agriculture land bearing survey No 57/2, measuring 1 acre 93 guntas with 00-01-08 guntas Kharab, Situated at Kodihalli Village, Madhure Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District bounded on  
East by : Land in Sy No 59  
West by : Walk way and Land in Sy No 55  
North by : Land in Sy No 57/1 (Dayanachcher Land)  
South by : Land in Sy No 58

**Arun Kumar,Y.R, Advocate**,  
No 43/7, Krishnagar Building, Kodigehalli Circle, Sahakarannagara, Bangalore -560092 Mo-9916810682. Date:15/01/2025

**IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE**  
**P.S. SC# 37/2024**  
**BETWEEN: Anish Ravindran**, Aged about 44years,S/o late Ravindran TV, Residing at No. 60, Reliable The Signature Studio, Chikmagalurapale on new Devar's Electronic city, Bangalore South, Bangalore, Karnataka-560020. **PETITIONER AND: Mtl. RESPONDENT**

Whereas the above named has made petition to this court under section 372 of the Indian Succession Act seeking grant of succession certificate for the share of his parents Late S/o Late Smt. Bharathi Lakshmi, in respect of schedules below. The below mentioned schedule has been held by the petitioners parents who expired on 02.04.2017.

Interested parties are hereby called upon to appear before this Court in person or by pleader duly instructed on 13.02.2025 at 11 AM in form to show cause against the petitioners filing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared acquiesce.

**SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY**  
Immovable Property Jointly owned by Late Sri Ravindran TV & Late Smt. Bharathi Lakshmi. All that Duplex Flat No. B-3 in Third Floor of "Powella Paradise" apartment with super built-up area measuring 1650 Sq. feet along with open terrace area measuring 180sq. feet together with a car parking space including proportionate share in common area and UDS situated on apartment known as "Powella Paradise".

**SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY**  
Movable Property in the name of Late Bharathi Lakshmi  
Savings Account No. 00000057023584861  
Name of Bank: State Bank of Travancore  
Branch: Kumbhand Branch  
Name on Account: Lakshmi B

**SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTIES**  
Movable Property in the name of Late Ravindran TV  
Savings Account No. 00000057023588775  
Name of Bank: State Bank of Travancore  
Branch: Kumbhand Branch  
Name on Account: Ravindran TV  
Given under my hand & seal of the court this 08.01.2025

**By Order of the court**  
**CMO(Sheridan), Hnd Adl. Sr. Civil Judge Court Bangalore Rural**  
Advocate For Petitioners  
**Adv. K.G.Dhruv Uthappa**, Contrance Legal Solutions, No. 9, 1st Floor, 30th Cross Tiliak Nagar Main Road 4th B Block East, Jayanagar, Bangalore, Karnataka, Bangalore - 560 041

**IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE PRINCIPAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALURU RURAL DISTRICT, BENGALURU**  
**O.S. No. 1542/2019**  
**BETWEEN: MR. S.N. SINHA**, S/o. Late K.V. Suryanarayana Iyer, Aged about 87 years, Residing at: Apartment No. 901, Embassy Oasis Apartments, 46/1, Promenade Road, Bangalore - 560 042. **..PLAINTIFF**  
**AND: MR. VINOD KUMAR S/O**, Late M. Ramaswamy, Aged about 53 years, Residing at: No. 201, 1st Floor, Ashish Apartment, Inner Circle, Whitefield, Bangalore - 560 066. **..DEFENDANT**

**NOTICE / SUMMONS**  
**UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 (1-A) OF THE CIVIL PROCEDURE CODE, 1908 TO THE PROPOSED DEFENDANT NOS. 2 & 3**

**PROPOSED DEFENDANT NO.2**  
**MR. ARUN KUMAR P.**, S/o. Late Pagaiah M, Aged about 46 years, Residing at: No. 243, 62, Kings for Apartment, 4th Cross, Borewell Road, Whitefield, Bangalore - 560 066.

**PROPOSED DEFENDANT NO.3**  
**MR. SURESH H.A.**, Aged about 41 years, S/o. Mr. Achuthashish, Residing at: 4th, Friends Nest, Whitefield, Bangalore - 560 066.

Whereas the above-named Plaintiff has instituted a Suit in the Court of the Hon'ble Principal Senior Civil Judge, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore, seeking for various reliefs. Take notice that the above case is posted on 13.02.2025 before the Court of the Hon'ble Principal Senior Civil Judge, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore, and you are hereby summoned to appear before this Court on 13.02.2025 at 11:00 AM in person or through an advocate / pleader on the day specified. Failing which the said Suit will be heard and determined ex-parte.

**SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY**  
All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Survey No. 37, Block No. II, is an extent of 2 Acres and 17 Guntas of land situated on the Eastern Side, Jodi Pattandur Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, and bounded on the:- East by : Portion of Sy. No. 37, Block II belonging to Mrs. Susheela Rao, West by: 15 Feet Road, North by Portion of Sy.No.37 of Block III, South by: 20 ft. Private Road.

**SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY**  
**OR SUIT SCHEDULE PROPERTY**  
All that piece and parcel of immovable property measuring 20 Guntas of land in Old Survey No. 37, new Survey No. 142/118 and renumbered as Survey No. 142/181, Block No. II, situated at Jodi Pattandur Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and bounded on the:- East by : Portion of Sy. No. 37, Block II belonging to Mrs. Susheela Rao, West by: 15 Feet Road, North by Portion of Sy.No.37 of Block III, South by: 20 ft. Private Road.

Given under my hand seal of this Hon'ble Court on this 13th day of January, 2025.

**By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Senior Civil Judge Court, Bangalore Rural Dist., Bangalore.**  
**Mr. Ajesh Kumar Shankar, Advocate**  
Having Office at: M/s. AKS Law Associates, E-301, Sunrise Chambers, No. 22, Ulsoor Road, Bangalore-560 042.

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**KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD**  
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 009.

**Tender Notification (Through KPP Portal)**

**Notification No.: KHB/CE/AEF/SNR 4th Phase/100 ModelHouse/ KHB/2024-25/SE0220 Dated: 13.01.2025**

Karnataka Housing Board has invited tenders through KPP Portal from eligible Architectural Engineering Firm (AE Firm) for the preparation of building plan / DPR / drawings / other tender documents and allied services, etc., For the work of Construction of 100 Model Houses at Suryanagara 4th Phase Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District.

**Last date for submission of bid is on: 21.01.2025 up to 4.00 PM.**

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru Telephone No. 080-22273511/ 080-22100077 website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>

**Sd/- Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru**

DIPR/CP/4342/AKAR/2024-25

**Canara Bank**  
(A Government Of India Undertaking)

**GANGANAGAR BRANCH**  
No.1/1, KHM Branch, Opp. Main Post Office, R T Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560032

**DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)] TO BORROWERS/ GUARANTORS/MORTGAGORS**

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, Ganganagar Branch** had issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addressees furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of addresses at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. The contents of the said notice are mentioned herein below.

**1. Name and Address of the Borrowers / Co-Borrowers/ Mortgageors /Guarantors: (1) Mr. Mahesh Nanjundug S/o Chandrasekhar (2) Mrs. Deepa Mahesh W/o Mahesh Nanjundug Both are residing at 8/A, Swarga 5th Cross, 5th Main Srikrishnanagar, Jp Nagar 7th Phase, Bangalore, Karnataka-560078**  
**[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]**

| Loan No        | Nature of Loan/Limit | Date of sanction (latest) | Amount          | Liability With Interest as on Date | Rate Of Interest (inclusive Of Penal Interest) |
|----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 32466190 00029 | HOUSING FINANCE      | 08.01.2014                | Rs.52.00 Lakhs  | Rs. 42,84,979.58                   | 11.10% (9.10%+2% penal interest)               |
| 32466190 00032 | FINANCE              | 04.02.2014                | Rs. 10.00 Lakhs | Rs. 8,34,749.49                    | 11.15% (9.15%+2% penal interest)               |

**Total Liability Amount: Rs 51,19,729.07** (Rupees Fifty One Lakh Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Nine and Seven paise Only),together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

**NPA Date: 06.01.2025 Demand Notice Dated: 15.01.2025**

**Details of Security assets :**

**Schedule "A" Property :** All that piece and parcel of the financial building bearing Municipal No 29/2, New PID No 118-W0057-17-20 (Old PID No 48-47-29/2) formerly formed in site No 24 out of Sy Nos 85 and 86 of Doddabalyakhane Village,Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore, situated at First Cross Raja ram Mohan Roy Extension, Corporation Division No 44 (Old Div No 38) Bangalore-560027 within the administrative limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and bounded on:East By: Road, West By: Property bearing No 27 belonging to Sridharan, North By: Property bearing Nos 29 and 29/1 belonging to T.V. Ramasastri and T.R. Jayakumar, and South By: Property bearing old No 23 belonging to Krishnaiah Setty.

**Name of the title Holder : Mr. Mahesh Nanjundug & Mrs. Deepa Mahesh**

You are hereby called upon to pay **Canara Bank**, within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers and the Guarantors. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgageors including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13) of the said Act.

**Date : 15.01.2025 Sd/- Authorised Officer**  
**Place : Bengaluru Canara Bank**

**UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES DHARWAD-05**  
**Estate Branch, Krishnagar, Dharwad-5**  
E mail: [estateofficer@rediffmail.com](mailto:estateofficer@rediffmail.com) Epabx:+91-836-2214332/216,444

**No.EO/DB/TN/e-Proc.T-122/2024-25 Date: 01.01.2025**

**TENDER NOTIFICATION**

Tenders have been invited from registered Contractors / agencies, for works at Main campus of the University. The details of the tender can be had through e-procurement portal (<http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>). For more details please contact 0836-2214332 during office hours. Interested agencies need to register with the e-Procurement portal for participating in the tender. For details of registration please contact ph. No: 080-46010000.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

| 1 | Last Date & Time for Tender Queries / Clarifications. | 22.01.2025 | Up to | 16.00 Hrs |
|---|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------|-----------|
| 2 | Date & time of Pre Bid meeting                        | 24.01.2025 | At    | 11.00Hrs  |
| 3 | Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders.              | 01.02.2025 | Up to | 16.00 Hrs |
| 4 | Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid.             | 03.02.2025 | At    | 16.00Hrs  |
| 5 | Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid.             | 04.02.2025 | At    | 16.00Hrs  |

**Note:** The bidders shall get updated / acquainted with ADDENDUM / CORRIGENDUM (if any) issued on-line from time to time on the e-procurement portal during the entire tender process.

**Sd/- ESTATE OFFICER**

DIPR/Dharwad/847/2024-25/DeshpandePublicity

**Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.**  
Corporate Office : 802, Natraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400 069, Maharashtra.  
**Kr Puram Branch :** Office No. 1218, 2nd Floor, Pooja Complex, Old Madras Road, K R Puram, Bangalore-560036(Karnataka).

**DEMAND NOTICE**

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.(AHFL) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to AHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to AHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

| Sl No. | Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower / Guarantor (s)                                           | Demand Notice Date and Amount | Description of the Immovable property                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.     | (Loan Code : 21400000493<br>Kr Puram Branch<br>Rajappa C (Borrower)<br>Ramamani R (Co Borrower) | 09-01-2025<br>₹ 18,29,238.00  | Property Bearing Site No.3, Khata No.422/2760/3 Situated In Sy.No.90/2 Of Anekal Village ,Anekal Taluk Now Under The Limits Of Anekal Tmc ,Bengaluru Measuring East To West 12.20 Feet And North To South 9.15 Feet In All Totally Measuring 1200 Sq Feet, and bounded on the <b>East by : Site No.6, West by : Ramakka Badavane, North by : Site No.4, South by : Road.</b>                                                       |
| 2.     | (Loan Code : 21400001030 Kr Puram Branch<br>Pushpa R (Borrower)<br>Anthonyammal G (Co Borrower) | 09-01-2025<br>₹ 18,59,109.00  | House Property Bearing Site No.10,Katha No.29/3/52, Formed In Property No.53,Situated At Devasandra Village , K.R.Puram Hobli ,Bangalore East Taluk , Now Comes Under The Jurisdiction Of Bbpm Limits ,Bengaluru , Measuring East To West 40 Feet And North To South 30+23/2 Feet In All Measuring 1060 Sq Feet, and bounded on the <b>East by : Site No 1, West by : Road, North by : Private Property, South by : Site No 9.</b> |

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to AHFL as aforesaid, AHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of AHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

**Place : Kr Puram Date : 16.01.2025**

**Authorised Officer**  
**Aadhar Housing Finance Limited**

**KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED**  
(Government of Karnataka Enterprises)  
Office of the Executive Engineer KNNL, GRBCC Div No. 2, Hidkal Dam Office Tel. No. 08333-2200119 / Fax No. 08333-263405 / e-mail: [eegrbc2@gmail.com](mailto:eegrbc2@gmail.com)  
No.:KNNL/GRBCC-2/DB/TND/2024-25/2374 Dated:13.01.2025

**TENDER NOTIFICATION**  
(Through e-procurement system only)

In the year 2024-25, tender announcement for 15 No.,Dams related works has been issued under this division office. The details are as follows.(Estimate Amount Rs. 62.18 Lakhs) 1) Indent No.SC 2249 Call-2, 2139 Call-2, 2377 Call-2 2537. ST 2331 Call-2, 2593 & Gen 2420, 2333 call-2 ,1956 call-2,2135 call-2,2136 call-3,2140 call-3,2599,2600 & 2541) 2) Govt of Karnataka Website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> Portal Tender Documents Viewed from Date:13-01-2025. 2)Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders Date:21-01-2025 Time:17.30 Hrs 3) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid/tender:23-04-2025 Time:17.30 Hrs. 4) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid/tender: Will be intimated separately to the Technically qualified bidders

Further any information : Note:Here after any change with reference to this Notification will be Notified in <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> Portl Only.

**Sd/-Executive Engineer, KNNL GRBCC Div No.2 Hidkal Dam**

DIPR/BGM/NO-NO-1468/KSMCA/2024-25

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Divisional Office Building, No.6, Shri Vasavi Temple Road, Near Sajjan Rao Circle, V V Puram, Bangalore - 560004

**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**  
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, **The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd.**, the constructive/ physical (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd., Secured Creditor**, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 11.02.2025 for recovery of Rs. 1,76,91,999.81/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Six Lakhs ninety One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Nine and Paise Eighty One only) due to "The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd", Secured Creditor from (1) Mr. R Lingappa (Borrower) S/o R Narasaiah, Near Ramaiah Thota, Karenahalli, Doddaballapur- 561203 (2) Mrs. L Lalithamma, (Borrower) W/o R Lingappa, Near Ramaiah Thota, Karenahalli, Doddaballapur-561203 (3) Mr.D Jayaprakash, (Guarantor) S/o D Kristappa, R/o Near Saraswathi School Road, Karenahalli, Doddaballapur- 561203 (4) Mr K Govindappa, S/o M K Chinnaroddappa, D.No: C 82, Opp: Ganesh Temple, Karenahalli, Doddaballapur-561203. (5) Naresubabu (Borrower), S/o R Lingappa, 141, Beside Cable Ramesh House Karenahalli, Doddaballapura, Karnataka-561203. The reserve price will be Rs. 64,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty Four Lakhs only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 64,00,000/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Forty Thousand and only)

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**  
Entire Residential Built up at Site No: K.No. 1110/1110/45, Sy No:45, Karenahalli Village, 11th Division 2nd ward, Doddaballapur Town and Taluk, approximately measuring 31 x 39 Sqft with an approximate plinth area of 759 sqt each in ground, 1st, 2nd and 3rd floors and bounded by: East By: House of D Kullayappa, West By: House of Aniltha, North By: Road, South By: Site of Basavarajappa.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in our Bank's Secured Creditor's website i.e [www.kvb.co.in/Property](http://www.kvb.co.in/Property) Under Auction also at the web portal [BankAuctions.in/ForeclosureIndia.com](http://BankAuctions.in/ForeclosureIndia.com) of the service provider, M/s. 4 closure.

**Statutory 15 days' Notice under Rule 9(1) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002**  
The borrower/s and guarantor/s are hereby notified to pay the dues as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the Schedule property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

**Date : 15.01.2025 Sd/- Authorized Officer**  
**Place: Bangalore THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED**

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**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE**

Whereas the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Limited (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with **HDFC Bank Limited** by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC), under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice/s, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realization.

| Sr. No. | Name of Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Outstanding Dues                                                                                                                                                                                 | Date of Demand Notice | Date of Possession | Description of The Property                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| 1       | 1. Mrs. Suganthi Wife of Mr. Vinod Kumar S (Borrower) [since deceased], 2. Master V Barath Raj Son of Mr. Vinod Kumar S (Borrower) [since deceased] Represented by Natural Guardian Mrs. Suganthi, 3.Kumari Jessica V Daughter of Mr. Vinod Kumar S (Borrower) [since deceased] Represented by Natural Guardian Mrs. Suganthi, 4. Kumari Jeevika V Daughter of Mr. Vinod Kumar S (Borrower) [since deceased] Represented by Natural Guardian Mrs. Suganthi, 5. Mrs. Gunavathi Mother of Mr. Vinod Kumar S (Borrower) [since deceased], 6. And other known and unknown Legal Heir(s) of Mr. Vinod Kumar S (Borrower) [since deceased] Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. Vinod Kumar S [since deceased] and 7. Mr. Vijayakumar (Co-Borrower) | Loan A/c No: 6124065963 Rs.29,71,665/- + (2) 625448135 Rs.1,23,861/-<br><br>Total Amount Rs.30,95,526/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Six Only) as on 30.09.2023 | 19.10.2023            | 15.01.2025         | <b>Schedule-A:</b> All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing <b>Site No.1, formed out of Assessment No.27/3, Katha No.1288/1</b> , Previously Situated at Kavalabyasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore., Presently Situated at Katha No.1288/1/27/3/1, Panjappa Lane Kavalabyasandra R.T.Nagar Post, Bangalore-32, Old Ward No.95, Now comes under BBMP Ward New No.47, Measuring East to West : 24' (Twenty Four) Feet, and North to South : 36' (Thirty Six) Feet, total measuring 864 Square Feet, along with One Squares A.C.C.Sheet House, with Red-Oxide Flooring, Cement and Bricks used for construction of Walls, Jungle wood doors, with all civic amenities and bounded on:- <b>East by : 20' Feet Road, West by : Site No.2, North by : Mahadevan's Property and South by : 15' Feet Road.</b><br><b>Schedule-B:</b> All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing <b>Site No.2, formed out of Assessment No.27/3, Katha No.793</b> , Previously Situated at Kavalabyasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore., Presently Situated at Katha No.793/27/3/2, Panjappa Lane Kavalabyasandra R.T.Nagar Post, Bangalore-32, Old Ward No.95, Now comes under BBMP Ward New No.47, Measuring East to West: 26' (Twenty Six) Feet Sit North to South : 36' (Thirty Six) Feet, total measuring 936 Square Feet, along with One Squares A.C.C.Sheet House, with Red-Oxide Flooring, Cement and Bricks used for construction of Walls, Jungle wood doors, with all civic amenities and bounded on:- <b>East by : Site No.1, West by : Site No.3, North by : Mahadevan's Property, South by : 15' Feet Road</b><br><b>Schedule-C:</b> All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing <b>Site Nos. 1 &amp; 2, formed out of Assessment No.27/3, Katha No.1288/1 &amp; Katha No.793</b> , Previously Situated at Kavalabyasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore., Presently Situated at Katha No.1288/1/27/3/1 & Katha No.793/27/3/2, Panjappa Lane Kavalabyasandra R.T.Nagar Post, Bangalore-32, Old Ward No.95, Now comes under BBMP Ward New No.47, Measuring East to West : 50' (Fifty) Feet and North to South : 36' (Thirty Six) Feet, <b>totally measuring 1800 Square feet</b> , along with Two Squares A.C.C.Sheet House, with Red-Oxide Flooring, Cement and Bricks used for construction of Walls, Jungle wood doors, with all civic amenities and bounded on:- <b>East by : 20' Feet Road, West by : Site No.3, North by : Mahadevan's Property and South by : 15' Feet Road</b> , In all totally and jointly measuring 1800 sq ft and any construction thereon present and future. |
| 2.      | Mr. Kumar Dasari Dinesh (Borrower) and Mrs. Pothineni Sirija (Co-Borrower)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Loan A/c No: 644986086 Rs.51,69,627/- (Rupees Fifty One Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Seven Only) as on 30.09.2024                                                             | 21.10.2024            | 15.01.2025         | <b>Schedule A:</b> All that piece and parcel of residentially converted lands bearing amalgamated Municipal No. 43, Ward No. 25 situated at Kyalasanahalli, Horamavu, Bangalore (earlier bearing Municipal Nos. 49, 45, 44, 50, 47, portion of 43 and 61, Ward No.25, Kyalasanahalli, Bangalore still earlier residentially converted portion of Survey No. 48/1, 48/3, 48/4A, 48/4B, 48/5, 48/6, 49/2 all situated at Kyalasanahalli Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, in all measuring 43,829.80 square meters, after deducting the relinquished area measuring 5593.13 square metres in favour of the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) (comprising of area earmarked for park and open space measuring 5204.00 square meters and road area measuring 389.13 square meters) and also deducting the area measuring 2,604.00 square meters being area reserved and earmarked for Civic Amenities Site, from and out of the total extent of land measuring 52,026.93 square meters (excluding 1,416.38 square meters of kharab). The remaining area measuring 43,829.80 square meters is bounded as under: <b>East by : Property bearing Survey No. 48/1, 48/6P and 28, West by : Civic Amenities Area, 6 meters Village Road and Survey No. 49/2P, North by : Hennur Avalahalli Main Road, Part of Property bearing Survey No. 48/1 and Survey No. 49/2P, South by : Park and Open Space</b><br><b>Schedule B:</b> An undivided share of 10,577.39 square meters out of the Schedule A' Property based on which the Developer has achieved the FAR for the construction of Rohan Upavan - Phase 1.<br><b>Schedule C: Part-A:</b> An undivided 41.52 square meters share (0.095%) corresponding to the Schedule 'C' Private Residence taking into consideration the FAR achieved for the Residential Development from and out of Schedule A' Property. <b>Part-B:</b> A Private Residence bearing No. 1006 on the Tenth Floor situated in Wing L of Building -2, in the Phase I of Rohan Upavan/ Rohan Upavan Phase-1 being of the development known as "Rohan Upavan", having a Carpet area of 66.35 square meters along with balcony area 3.51 square meters, utility area 2.41 square meters along with proportionate share of the Common Areas and such of the Common Areas, Common Amenities and Facilities of the Residential Development along with <b>One (1) Car Parking space/s</b> in the basement. The Schedule 'C' Private Residence is shown in the Unit plan under Annexure 3 hereto. The super built up area of the flat is 1077 Sq.ft.                                                                                                                                       |

\*with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.

However, since the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officer/s of HDFC have taken Symbolic possession of the immovable property (ies) / secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/them under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above. The borrower/s mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immovable Property(ies) / Secured Asset(s) and any dealings with the said Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of HDFC.

Borrower(s) attention is/are invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets/s. Copies of the Panchnama drawn and Inventory made are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

**Date : 16.01.2025 Sd/-Authorised Officer**  
**Place : Bengaluru HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002**









## TRAI proposes cut in broadband rates for public Wi-Fi

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has proposed reducing broadband connection rates for Public Data Offices (PDOs) under the PM-WANI scheme. According to TRAI's recommendation, the broadband tariff for PDOs should not exceed twice the rate applicable for retail broadband services.

This initiative aims to address the high costs that have hindered the growth of public Wi-Fi hotspots, which have fallen short of the government's targets. PDOs, typically local shops, retailers, and storekeepers are key players in deploying public Wi-Fi hotspots under the PM-WANI program.

"The Authority proposes a revised Draft Telecommunication Tariff (71st Amendment) Order, which prescribes that the broadband tariff (FTTH) for PDOs under the PM-WANI scheme should not exceed twice the tariff applicable for retail broadband (FTTH) services of corresponding capacity offered by service providers," TRAI

stated in a press note.

Launched in 2020, the PM-WANI scheme aimed to set up public Wi-Fi hotspots across the country through PDOs, which could even include local kirana shops. The goal was to democratise access to the internet by offering affordable broadband through public hotspots.

However, the program has struggled to reach its full potential due to the high cost of leased line connections charged by Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) and Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to PDOs.

As of July 22, 2024, India has seen the deployment of 207,642 PM-WANI hotspots, along with 199 PDO Aggregators (PDOAs) and 111 app providers.

Despite this progress, the number of hotspots remains far below the targets set in the NDCP 2018 and the Bharat 6G Vision documents. According to TRAI's calculations, internet leased lines (100 Mbps) cost 40 to 80 times more annually than retail broadband connections (100 Mbps).



## Kirloskar family feud may prolong as group firm challenges Sebi order

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

THE decades-old feud in the Kirloskar family is set to take longer as Kirloskar Oil Engines (KOEL) has challenged the Sebi order asking it to disclose the details of the family settlement at the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT), which will begin hearing the case from January 16.

On December 30, 2024, KOEL was directed to disclose the details of the 2009 family settlement deed. And the company had moved the SAT on January 4 on the appellate tribunal. The dispute, rooted in allegations of selective compliance and corporate governance lapses, has intensified in recent times with regulatory interventions and legal battles, which so far has not reached any logical conclusion.

After the Baba Kalyani and his sister Sugandha Hiremath fight for the share of the over ₹1 trillion Kalyani family assets along with control for Hikal, the Kirloskars are the second prominent business



family from Pune openly fighting family issues. A source at Kirloskar Oil Engines told TNE that the family settlement, signed on September 11, 2009, was intended to establish clear boundaries of ownership, management, and control among the family's business arms. It had allocated specific businesses to different family members, including Atul, Rahul, and the late Gautam Kulkarni of KOEL, as well as Sanjay Kirloskar of Kirloskar Brothers. Following the agreement, KOEL exited its joint venture with Toyota selling the stake for ₹250 crore to Vikram

## Kalyan Jewellers shares under bear grip; fall 30% in 2 weeks

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

DESPITE reporting a healthy outlook and strong business update for the recently concluded December quarter (Q3FY25), shares of Kalyan Jewellers, one of India's largest Jewellery firms, have come under a severe bearish grip.

The scrip has fallen about 30% in two weeks and on Wednesday it plummeted more than 10% intraday before settling 8% lower at ₹550 apiece. The sudden fall in share price has left many surprised. While most analysts believe that investors are booking profit after two years of strong run, a senior analyst said that there can be a possibility of shorting the shares by one or more than one entity based on the information that is not public.

To calm investors' nerves, Kalyan on Tuesday held an investor's call. The Kerala-based firm reiterated that its business operations are sound and there is no FIR (First Information Report) filed against any of its promoters. The company attributed the decline in share price to market factors and emphasised that it has no direct influence on these fluctuations.

"With the stock having a stellar run in the past two years, the profit booking is evident from the shareholding pattern and also the monthly fact sheets of mutual fund houses which have been booking profit in the counter," said Akriti Mehrotra, Research Analyst, StoxBox.



## EVs will be in focus at Auto Expo

Over 25 car and two-wheeler OEMs are participating in the expo, which will begin from Friday

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

ELECTRIC vehicles (EV) will be taking centre stage in the latest edition of Bharat Mobility Global Expo (BMGE) as leading global and domestic original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) will unveil their much-anticipated offering for the Indian market.

Industry estimates reveal that more than three dozen products, including EVs, will be launched (or unveiled) at India's biennial expo that will start in New Delhi on Friday. Top carmakers such as Maruti Suzuki, Tata Motors, Mahindra & Mahindra and Hyundai will be using the mega show either to launch or display their best offerings. Hyundai will be launching the much anticipated Creta Electric on Friday while Maruti Suzuki has confirmed the unveiling of Maruti Suzuki's first EV, the e-Vitara.

Mahindra will showcase its newly launched electric cars XEV 9e and BE 6 at the expo. The homegrown automaker is also expected to reveal the upcoming XUV700-based electric SUV- XEV 7e. Tata Motors will unveil the production-ready



Making a debut at the Auto Expo. From left: Hyundai Staria, Tata Sierra EV, BYD Sealion 7 and MG Cyberster

spec of its much-awaited Sierra SUV in both its EV and ICE-powered versions at the expo.

The EV version is expected to feature a 60-80 kWh battery with a claimed range of up to 600 km. The production-spec Harrier EV and Safari EV are also expected to be showcased at the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025. The expo will also have an aggressive lineup from China's biggest electric car maker- BYD. With reports sug-

gesting that India has approved the participation of executives from Chinese automakers and auto parts manufacturers, one may expect big announcements from Chinese firms at the expo. BYD has said that it aims to make a significant impact by showcasing globally-acclaimed models, along with its existing models. The event will herald the debut of BYD's latest performance SUV, the BYD SEALION 7, which will be launched

in the first half of CY2025. JSW MG Motor India, a joint venture between India's JSW Group and China's SAIC Motor, is expected to unveil multiple new models, including the Cyberster, the world's fastest MG roadster, and the MG M9, which is a luxury MPV.

Vietnam's VinFast, which is set to launch its first car in India, will showcase two electric SUVs - the VF 7 and the VF 9 - at the expo.

### Q3 FY 25 RESULTS

## HDFC Life Q3 net profit up 14% at ₹415 crore on better margins

MUMBAI: HDFC Life's Q3 net profit rose 14% to ₹415 crore, with strong growth in premium income and key metrics like APE and VNB surpassing expectations. Higher renewal premium and the resultant fee income have helped the private sector life insurer HDFC Life log in a 14% y-o-y growth in net profit at ₹415 crore in December quarter that was a challenging period for the industry. An 18% growth in renewal premium has helped the company clock an overall 10% rise total premium income at ₹16,771 crore up from ₹15,235 crore, the company informed the exchanges on Wednesday. Ahead of the earnings, the HDFC Life counter fell 1.1% to end at ₹593.7 while other financial sector stocks gained after bleeding for almost a month. The managing director Vibha Padalkar told TNE that the numbers were above their own expectations given the challenging period the industry went through in terms of regulatory challenges and falling sales. **ENS**

## LTTS Q3 net profit drops 4% to ₹322 cr as profit margin narrows

BENGALURU: L&T Technology Services on Wednesday posted a 4.1% decline in its December 2024 quarter net profit to ₹322.4 crore. It had reported a net profit of ₹336.2 crore in the same quarter last year. Its revenues jumped 9.5% year-on-year to ₹2,653 crore in the December quarter from ₹2,422 crore in the year-ago period. The company's chief executive and managing director Amit Chadha said, "We had a strong quarter with 3.1% growth in constant currency led by our Tech and Sustainability segments where the demand outlook has been steadily improving. In Tech, we grew by 11% sequentially driven by ramp ups in Medtech, Hyperscalers and Communication providers where we leveraged our SWC capabilities." Sustainability grew by 4% sequentially helped by plant modernisation and automation demand. Our large deal TCV has seen a healthy increase with eight wins across segments, he said. The CEO said the pipeline is healthy. **ENS**

## Meta to lay off more than 3,500 employees

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

META, the parent company of Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp, is planning to cut 5% of total staff this year by terminating staff based on performance and hiring new workers to replace them.

According to reports, Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg made the announcement in an internal note to employees. He has reportedly said that he wants to "raise the bar on performance management and move out low-performers faster." We typically manage out people who aren't meeting expectations over the course of a year, he said. Meta employs about 72,000 people, and cutting 5% of staff would amount to 3,600 people. Workers in the US who will be affected will be notified on Feb. 10, and those in other countries will be informed later.

## Aditya Birla Fashion to raise \$500 m equity through preferential issue, QIP

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

AHEAD of its planned demerger into two separate entities and their subsequent listing, Aditya Birla Fashion & Retail has finalised a capital raising plan of \$500-million through a combination of preferential issuance and qualified institutional placement of shares.

The board of the company on Wednesday approved a preferential issue worth \$275 million, which will be led by the promoter group investing \$150 million and Fidelity Investments investing \$125 million.

The promoter participation is at a significant premium of 17.5% over Tuesday's closing price.

The preferential issue will be subscribed to by Fidelity Investments through its five funds, the statement added. The board has also approved an



equity issuance through the QIP route for up to \$225 million, taking the total fund raise to \$500 million.

This combined fundraise will leverage the company helping it aggressively pursue growth strategy through its multiple growth engines.

This capital raise comes ahead of the proposed vertical demerger into two separately listed entities. The demerger is

expected to be completed by the end of the current fiscal.

The shareholders' meeting for approving the preferential issuance is scheduled for February 13, and the relevant date for pricing of issuance will be taken as of January 14, 2025.

Aditya Birla Fashion had a revenue of ₹13,996 crore as of March 2024, making it the first billion-dollar pure-play fashion powerhouse in the country.

It operates 4,538 retail stores and its brands are sold through 37,952 multi-brand outlets as well.

Its leading brands include Louis Philippe, Van Heusen, Allen Solly and Peter England. Its operational brands include Pantaloon, Style Up, The Collective and Ralph Lauren, among others. It also has ethnic wear brands such as Jaypore, Tasva and Marigold Lane.

## India Energy Week 2025 to be held in New Delhi from Feb 11-14

India Energy Week 2025 (IEW'25) will be held from 11-14 February 2025 at the Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, New Delhi. Since its inception in 2023, the India Energy Week has grown from strength to strength. This year's edition will see speakers of around 70 CEOs of prominent international and domestic energy majors. It will also see global participation, including 20+ Foreign Energy Ministers and Deputy Ministers representing advanced economies, largest energy producers, and key nations of the global south. The event is expected to have participation from over 70,000 delegates from 120 countries, over 700 exhibitors, and 10 country pavilions United States, United Kingdom, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia etc.



## GRSE delivers first-of-its-kind Green Platform

In GRSE's efforts to revolutionise green maritime technology, the state's first Green Ferry, the Next Generation Zero-Emission Electric Ferry 'Dheu' was officially handed over to the Transport Department, West Bengal, in the presence of Mamata Banerjee, Chief Minister of West Bengal at Babughat, Kolkata on January 9, 2025. Earlier in the day, the ferry was flagged off by Cmde P R Hari, IN (Retd), CMD, GRSE from GRSE's Main Works Unit. 'Dheu' is 24 meters long and powered by a 246 Kilowatt per hour (kWh) liquid-cooled Energy Storage Solution.

## Business & Beyond

### Mukundan Menon appointed as the President of RAMA

Mukundan Menon has been appointed as the President of the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Manufacturers Association (RAMA), an association representing the manufacturers in the refrigeration and air conditioning industry in India. RAMA has been actively contributing to the implementation and formulation of government policies related to the industry. It is affiliated with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). Menon succeeds Kanwaljeet Jawa, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Daikin Airconditioning, who led RAMA for the past four years. Menon's appointment as President is for a period of two years. Menon is currently serving as the Executive Director & Head, Room AC Business at Voltas Limited and has served as the Vice President of RAMA for the past four years.



### CLW flags off 500th electric locomotive

CLW (Chittaranjan Locomotive Works), the leading manufacturer of Electric Locomotives of Indian Railways, recently flagged off 500th Electric Locomotive for the financial year 2024-25. This milestone has been achieved by CLW in the second consecutive year, and is 19 days earlier in comparison to financial year 2023-24. In the last financial year, CLW recorded the highest ever production figures of 580 Electric Locomotives. In this financial year, CLW will surpass the production figures of last financial year and set new standards of Electric Locomotive production.

## Zepto triples annual GOV to \$3 billion

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

Quick commerce platform Zepto Co-Founder and CEO Aadit Palicha on Wednesday said that the company has achieved \$3 billion in annualised gross order value (GOV).

"In April 2024, we shared with Goldman Sachs in a research note that Zepto had crossed USD 1B in Annualized GOV. 8 months later, in January 2025, we are now at approximately USD 3B in Annualized GOV (INR ~24,500 Crores)," Palicha said in a post on LinkedIn. The company's GOV stood at \$550 million in January 2023. Zepto, which is headed for an IPO, is on an expansion mode. Its accounting revenue has grown 120% y-o-y from ₹2,025 crore in FY23 to ₹4,454 crore in FY24.



## KOTAK MAHINDRA PRIME LTD

Registered Office: 27BKC, C 27, G Block, Bandra Kuria Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051. Branch Office: 1st Floor 20 Unwin Plaza, Sankey Road, Palace Gutthalli, Bangalore-560020. Mobile: 761939649.

### POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the Kotak Mahindra Prime Ltd. (KMPL) (hereinafter referred to as "KMPL Company") vide Board Resolution dated 27-Feb-2021 having its Registered Office at 27 BKC, Ground Floor, Plot No.C-27, 'G' Block, Bandrakurta Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai-400051 and having one of its branch office at 1st Floor, 20, Unwin Plaza, Sankey Road, Palace Gutthalli, Bangalore-560020 under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with [rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated 14.10.2024 calling upon the borrowers

1) Manjunatha Enterprises, No.20, Opp. Aird School, Kathriguppe Main Road, B S K 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085. 2) Manjunath N R, #485 A 4th A Cross 1st Main Vidyapetta Layout, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560028. 3) Mahima Shree N M, 485 A 4th A Cross 1st Main, Vidyapetta Layout, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560028, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.2,49,00,319/- (Two Crore Forty Nine Lakh Three Hundred and Nineteen Rupees Only) being the amount due as on 14-Oct-2024 (this amount includes interest applied till 14-Oct-2024) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers/ Mortgagees/ Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/ Mortgagees/ Guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the 10th January 2025.

The Borrowers/ Mortgagees/ Guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the KMPL for an amount of Rs.2,49,00,319/- (Two Crore Forty Nine Lakh Three Hundred and Nineteen Rupees Only) being the amount due as on 14-Oct-2024 and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is available to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Schedule property bearing BDA Site No.485/A, Municipal No.485/A, PID No.54-75-485/A, Survey No.15, BIMP Ward No.164 situated at 4th A Cross Road, Vidyapetta Layout, Kathriguppe Village, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560070. Land area as per Deed (in Sq.ft) 5W 35' x NS 53' = 1855 Sq.ft. Boundaries of the property: Towards North: Road, Towards East: Private Property, Towards West: Property No.485/B, Towards South: Property No.486.

Date: 10-01-2025 Sd/- Authorized Officer  
Place: Bangalore For, Kotak Mahindra Prime Ltd.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED- That my client Mr. Varun Kumar A S/o Adavish Aged about 32 years, Residing at No. 136/3, Nandagokula Nilaya, Mallasandra Main Road, Near Mallasandra Anjaneya Temple, T. Dasarahalli Post, Bangalore - 560057, residing at this flat, Bangalore Uttara Taluk, Yeshwantpura Hobli, ershallw under Dasarahalli Municipal Council, presently Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.13, Mallasandra Village Assessment No. 34/5 being the owner of the property bearing house number 1(one) among the plots allotted in to property number 34/5/1, dated 01-02-2023, Hesaraghatta Road, Bangalore, having lost the release deed of the above scheduled property, the said document Dated:04-05-2022, in the Registrar Office Of Peenya Sub Registrar Bangalore Its First Book Document No. PNY-1-00655-2022-23, C.D.No.PNYD1536, Corresponding Date:06-02-2023 Last Article Report No.0465623/2023 Complaint filed in Bangalore City Police Crime Branch. If anyone gets the above release letter, it should be Submitted to the following address.

Maruti K, Advocate  
No. 107, 5th main road, Shethihalli Main Road, Mallasandra T. Dasarahalli Post., - 57. Mob : 9480248096

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients Sri. Rajana and another have filed the petition for death certificate of deceased: Syed Hassan Sab @ Hassan Sab S/o Kameem Sab who died on 01-09-2021 at Vijaynagar Town, Davanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. I am of the parties who have objections or claims may dispute regarding the same could and same any other interested persons appear before the 2nd ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE and J.M.F.C. at Davanahalli on date of hearing on 20/02/25 at 11:00 AM in C.Mu No. 48/2024.

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer  
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Davanahalli  
Chikkagowda. N, Advocate

## IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DAVANAHALLI

CRL. MIS. No. 463/2024  
BETWEEN:- (1) Sri. Manjunappa, S/o Late Panna Murthappa, Aged About 75 Years, Residing at Budgige Village, Channarayana Halli, Davanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Now Residing at B.E.L. Layout, Hennur Sanda, Bangalore. (2) Sri. Nageshappa S/o Late Panna Murthappa, Aged About 73 Years. (3) Sri. Manjunappa S/o Late Panna Murthappa, Aged About 73 Years. (4) Sri. Murali B.R. Aged About 38 Years. Petitioner No 2 to 4 Residing at Budgige Village, Channarayana Halli, Davanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. (5) PETITIONERS AND:- The Trustee of the Birth and Death Register, Taluk Office, Davanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. RESPONDENT

DRAFT PAPER PUBLICATION  
The petitioners No 1 to 3 Mother and petitioner No. 4 Grand Mother namely VENKATAMA W/O PANA MURTHAPPA, Did on 11-08-1978, and the petitioner filed this petition requesting this Honble court to enter the date of death of deceased in concerned Birth and Death Reg. of Respondent hence it is hereby informed through this Paper Publication if any other legal heirs of deceased person present before this Honble court could object to the said date of death of deceased person and file objection if any required, or else considering petitioners herein only, legates to deceased this Honble court pronounced Order in favour of petitioners herein.

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Davanahalli  
Advocate for Petitioners B. KRISHNAKUMAR, Advocate  
Siddagata

**यूनियन बैंक Union Bank of India**  
Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru North  
No.1234, 1 ST Floor, 4th Main, Opp. Chandralayout Bus Stop, Bengaluru - 560040  
Mail Id: arb.bengaluru@unionbankofindia.com, Mobile: 9003223669

**NOTICE TO THE BORROWER INFORMING ABOUT SALE (30 DAYS NOTICE) RULE 6 (2) (b) (6) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002**

Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagees: 1. Mrs. Lakshmi V. W/o Bayappa Reddy, 2. Bayappa Reddy, Both are residing at: Hasine Parloos Apartment, #001, 1st Cross, Maruthi Nagar, Venkatappa Layout, Yelahanka, Bangalore-64. Also at: #93, Yelodlu Village, Gudibande Taluk, Chikkaballapur Dist KA-561201.

Sale of property belonging to Mr. V. LAKSHMI and Mr. Bayappa Reddy for realization of amount due to Bank under the SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru North (The account transferred from S C Road Branch to Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru North), the secured creditor, caused a demand notice dated 18.08.2023 under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, calling upon you to pay the dues within the time stipulated therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the period stipulated, the Authorised Officer, has taken possession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 6 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 23.12.2024.

Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to bank. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property by holding public e-auction after 30 days from the date of receipt of this notice through online mode. The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Price of the property and the details of the service provider, in which the e-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately.

Therefore, if you pay the amount due to the bank along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by bank before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec. 13 (8) of the SARFAESI Act.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

Schedule of the property: Property - 1: All that piece and parcel of Land Bearing where poultry sheds got constructed at: Sy. No/Doo No.56/1(4.38 Acres)situated at Yelodlu Village, Kasaba Hobli, Gudibande Taluk, Chikkaballapur District and Bounded on the East by: property of Sumana, West by: property of Ashwatha Reddy, North by: forest South by: Property of Narayana Reddy.

Owners: Mr. V. LAKSHMI  
Property - 2: All that piece and parcel of property residential Site bearing No 857/572, Doddasanne Village, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Within the limits of Anneswara Village panchayat measuring total measuring 1800 sq. (45ft \* 40ft) and bounded on North by property of Muniyappa, South by site property of Giridharal Prabhavathi, East by Road, West by Nanjamma's Site.

Owners: Mr. Bayappa Reddy.  
Date : 15.01.2025 Sd/- Authorised Officer  
Place : Bangalore Union Bank Of India

**Can Fin Homes Ltd**  
586, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 80ft Rd, 8<sup>th</sup> Block, Near Police Station, Opp. Bethany School Koramangala, Bangalore-560095  
koramangala@canfinhomes.com  
Tel: 086-41112879, Mob: 7625079131/7625079457  
CIN: L85110KA1987FLC008699

**KORAMANGALA BRANCH**

**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**  
[proviso to rule 9 (1)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Koramangala Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 05-02-2025, for recovery of Rs. 55,42,537/- (Rupees Fifty Five Lakh Forty Two Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Seven Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from Mr. Raghavendra G and Mr. Arun K R (Borrowers) and Mrs. Kalavathi K (Guarantor), as on 15.01.2025, together with further interest and other charges thereon.

The reserve price will be Rs.67,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty Seven Lakhs Only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs.6,70,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh Seventy Thousand Only)

**Description of the Immovable Property**  
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Khatha No.4/4, Property Situated at Kodigehalli, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring East to West 38+30.9/2 Feet, North to South 38+45+54/3 Feet totally measuring 1573 Sq.Ft. and Bounded on East by : K H Ramakrishna's property, West by : Gopalappa property, North by : Road and South by : Raghavendra's property

**Encumbrances : NIL**

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., ([www.canfinhomes.com](http://www.canfinhomes.com)). Please refer to the following link <https://www.canfinhomes.com/Search/Auction.aspx> Link for participating in e-auction : <https://sarfaesi.auctionright.net>

Sd/-  
Place: Bangalore Authorised Officer  
Date: 15.01.2025 Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
Office of the Director General of Police, C.I.D., Special Units and Economic Offences, Carlton House, Palace Road, Bengaluru - 560 001.

**No. 08/STS-1/CCD&CIDUpgradation/CID/2023-24 (Vol-III) Date: 15.01.2025**

**E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE**

10 days Short term E-Tender (Call-3) is invited in "Two Cover System" as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act, 1999 and rules, 2000 through e-Procurement portal of Government of Karnataka ([www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in](http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)) for the supply/maintenance of below mentioned Software/Components for the use of C.I.D., Bengaluru.

**"Upgradation of Softwares of Cyber Crime Division, CID and Network & IT Infrastructure at CID Unit" Scheme**

| Sl. No.                                       | Name of the Item/Component                                    | Qty    | Approximate Cost (in Rs.) | Last Date for Bid submission |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Short Term Tender for 10 days (Call-3)</b> |                                                               |        |                           |                              |
| 1                                             | Upgradation of Network and Providing IT Infrastructure to CID | 01 No. | 45,00,000/-               | 17.01.2025 at 17.00 Hours    |

In order to participate in e-Procurement platform all the intended Tenderers have to register in the e-Procurement portal. A training program in e-Procurement is organized by e-Procurement cell. The Tenderers who participate in the e-Procurement Tender can take assistance with e-Procurement help desk at 080-46010000 / 080-68948777. It is mandatory for Tenderers to register in e-Procurement platform.

Please visit <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> for more information or call Helpline 080-46010000 / 080-68948777.

Sd/-  
For Director General of Police, CID, Special Units and Economic Offences, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/AAA/4347/2024-25

**GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**  
(Infrastructure Development, Ports & Inland Water Transport Department)  
Karnataka Maritime Board

**No.KMB-61/WKS-11/2024-25**

Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Karnataka Maritime Board, Baithkol, Karwar-581302  
Dated: 15.01.2025

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Rates Quotations in e-procurement (KPPP Portal) are invited by the undersigned from the Reputed, Bonafide, Resourceful & Experienced firms/contractors/manufacturers who are having similar nature of work/Service experience for the details mentioned below for "Transaction Advisory Services for the Development of a Multipurpose Harbour at Manki Port, Uttar Kannada"

| Sl. No. | Description Of the Work                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Qty. | Unit | Rate Excluding GST |       |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|--------------------|-------|
|         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |      |      | Figures            | words |
| 1       | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 3    | 4    | 5                  | 6     |
| 1.      | Karnataka Maritime Board invites proposals from Empaneled Transaction Advisors (with the Infrastructure Development Department (IDD), Government of Karnataka for providing Transaction Advisory Services for the Development of a Multipurpose Harbour at Manki Port, Uttar Kannada. The background information of the Project, scope of services & terms of reference are provided in the appendix-I | 1    | Job  |                    |       |

Submit your completed finished rates, excluding of GST and inclusive of all applicable taxes, prevailing at the time of your quotation to the undersigned before 22.01.2025. This rate are purely for preparation of estimate/budgetary purpose only.

The detail specification of required service details in **Appendix-1**. Please go through the same before submitting your quotation.

For any further information please contact the following address.  
1. E-mail: [pwtddev.wks@gmail.com](mailto:pwtddev.wks@gmail.com)  
2. Website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>  
3. Phone No. 08382-221494/221035

Sd/-  
Port Engineer  
Karnataka Maritime Board, Karwar

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**  
**OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, EASTERN CIRCLE-II, CHANDIKHOLE**  
Email ID:- [sec2chandikhole@gmail.com](mailto:sec2chandikhole@gmail.com)

**A-887 "e" Procurement Notice No. ACE, EC-II 05 of 2024-25 (On-line)**

|                                       |                                                                                                                                 |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1 Name of the works                   | Work list attached in the Technical Bid Document.                                                                               |  |  |
| 2 Total No. of Packages               | 15 nos. individual package.                                                                                                     |  |  |
| 3 Tender Cost of Packages varies from | RS.206.19 Lakhs to RS.787.60 Lakhs                                                                                              |  |  |
| 4 Cost of Bid Document                | Rs. 10,000/- (On-line Payment)                                                                                                  |  |  |
| 5 Bid Security varies from            | RS.2,06,200/- to RS.7,87,600/-                                                                                                  |  |  |
| 6 Class of Contractor                 | "An Class & "Special" Class for Sl.No.1&2 and "B" & "A" Class for Sl.No.3 to Sl.No.15 of Work list attached in the Bid Document |  |  |
| 7 Period of Completion                | 12 (Twelve) Calendar months for packages Sl.No.1&2 & 06 (Six) Calendar Months for packages for Sl.No.3 to 15                    |  |  |

8. Other details are as follows

| Procurement Officer                                       | Availability of Tender On-line for bidding |                          | Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                                           | From                                       | To                       |                                            |
| Additional Chief Engineer, Eastern Circle-II, Chandikhole | 16/01/2025 at 10 AM                        | 30/01/2025 up to 5.00 PM | 31/01/2025 at 11.30 AM                     |

9. e-mail id : [sec2chandikhole@gmail.com](mailto:sec2chandikhole@gmail.com)  
10. Further detailed conditions can be seen from the Govt. website [www.tendersorissa.gov.in](http://www.tendersorissa.gov.in)  
11. Any corrigendum/ addendum / cancellation of tender to the above notice if any can be seen from the above website.

Sd/- Additional Chief Engineer  
Eastern Circle-II, Chandikhole

OIPR- 32322/11/0010/2425

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**GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**  
(Infrastructure Development, Ports & Inland Water Transport Department)  
Karnataka Maritime Board

**No.KMB-61/WKS-11/2022**

Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Karnataka Maritime Board, Baithkol, Karwar-581302  
Dated: 13.01.2025

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (3rd CALL)**

Rates Quotations in sealed cover/e-procurement invited by the undersigned from the Reputed, Bonafide, Resourceful & Experienced firms/contractors/manufacturers who are having similar nature of work experience for the details mentioned below for "Supply, Replacement, installation, testing and commissioning of a UV Stabilized polyethylene Navigation channel marking Buoy mooring structures/ assemblies at Karwar Port" (Indent No: IDD/2024-25/ PREQUAL TENDER\_NUMBER\_18)/CALL-3

| Sl. No. | Description Of the Work                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Qty. | Unit | Rate Excluding GST |       |
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| 1       | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 3    | 4    | 5                  | 6     |
| 1.      | OCEAN BUOY: DIAMETER 2.2Mtr. FOR BUOY COLOUR RED: (Model AMB 2200mm)<br>Supplying, providing new mooring accessories complete for the mooring detached red buoy model AMB 2200 according to IALA Maritime Buoy System kept at Karwar Port including scrapping of all Barnickels, cleaning, gas cutting of all junk moorings, supply and providing & Fixing new sets moorings, fitting, i.e. Chains, Shackles, Triangular plates, swivel assembly and 4 ton sinker testing LED lights etc including testing, transportation and finally deploying the complete buoy at the specified location of the outer channel of Karwar Port and commissioning the same. Including all lead and lift etc complete excluding GST.<br>All the mooring materials must be brand new must be warranted for two years against any manufacturing defects from the date of fitting. | 1    | No.  |                    |       |

Submit your completed finished rates, excluding of GST and inclusive of all applicable taxes, prevailing at the time of your quotation to the undersigned before 21.01.2025. This sealed quotation rates are purely for preparation of estimate/budgetary purpose only.

The detail specification of required buoys for the Karwar Port in **Appendix-X**. Please go through the same before submitting your quotation.

For any further information please contact the following address,  
1. E-mail: [pwtddev.wks@gmail.com](mailto:pwtddev.wks@gmail.com)  
2. Phone No. 08382-221494/221035

Sd/-  
Port Engineer  
Karnataka Maritime Board, Karwar

**PINKGOLD FINSERV PRIVATE LIMITED**  
Regd. Office: #697, Ground Floor, T G Arcade, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore. CIN No: U74999KA2022PTC163686

| Sl. No | Loan Account No. | Borrower Name                         | Weight | Outstanding Balance |
|--------|------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|---------------------|
| 1.     | PGFPL2023/531    | Shekar S/O Chikkamariyappa            | 57     | Rs.2,53,893         |
| 2.     | PGFPL2023/477    | L Sendil Kumar S/O R Lakshmiikanthan  | 48.2   | Rs.3,60,547         |
| 3.     | PGFPL2024/1449   | Arun Kumar V S/o Vasu M               | 58     | Rs.3,25,249         |
| 4.     | PGFPL2023/709    | Chandrashekar S/o Sundar Murthy K     | 80     | Rs.4,00,539         |
| 5.     | PGFPL2024/1377   | Y C Anand S/O Chinnappa               | 200    | Rs.10,91,214        |
| 6.     | PGFPL2023/1005   | Shivakumar S/O Ramu                   | 59.59  | Rs.5,65,981         |
| 7.     | PGFPL2023/1281   | Ramamurthy M S/o Mutta Byrappa        | 39     | Rs.1,94,335         |
| 8.     | PGFPL2023/1128   | Raghavendra D S/o Shankar Sheregar    | 20.96  | Rs.1,24,760         |
| 9.     | PGFPL2023/1072   | R V Kiran Kumar S/O R Vasudeva Murthy | 23.3   | Rs.1,27,959         |
| 10.    | PGFPL2023/1261   | Dilip R J S/o R Jagadeesh             | 187    | Rs.9,99,480         |
| 11.    | PGFPL2023/1327   | Richard Xavier S/O Kanikaraj          | 8.5    | Rs.51,851           |
| 12.    | PGFPL2023/395    | Pathala Vijaya D/o Narayan Reddy      | 62.93  | Rs.4,33,920         |
| 13.    | PGFPL2023/388    | Pathala Vijaya D/o Narayan Reddy      | 73.68  | Rs.4,12,078         |
| 14.    | PGFPL2023/403    | Pathala Vijaya D/o Narayan Reddy      | 176    | Rs.10,89,791        |
| 15.    | PGFPL2023/809    | Shailashree W/o Shivakumar            | 182    | Rs.9,75,153         |
| 16.    | PGFPL2023/1355   | Y C Anand S/O Chinnappa               | 300    | Rs.16,15,851        |
| 17.    | PGFPL2023/1298   | Sharanabasava                         | 38     | Rs.1,99,888         |
| 18.    | PGFPL2024/1443   | Umesh S/O Rangegowda                  | 20.25  | Rs.1,09,541         |

The following borrowers have availed jewel loans but have failed to redeem them within the stipulated time despite repeated notices. If they do not redeem the pledged jewels, it will be sold at public auction/sale on Date: 31/01/2025 at 5:00 P.M at Ground Floor, T G Arcade, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore. This public notice also applies to the legal heirs of deceased borrowers. Those wishing to participate in the public auction/sale must pay 10% of the reserve price, referred to as the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), on or before Date: 30/01/2025 by 6:30 PM. The EMD is refundable on the same day to unsuccessful bidders. Successful bidders must pay the bid amount immediately. The Branch Manager reserves the right to add or alter the terms and conditions to the public auction/sale or to cancel or postpone the auction/sale, or any part thereof, without notice or providing reasons.

**केनरा बैंक Canara Bank Regional Office West**  
Chitrapur Bhavan, 8th Main, 15th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560055.  
(A Government of India Undertaking)

**(Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property)**

**SALE NOTICE**

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable / movable Property under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical (Strike whichever is not applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Regional Office West, Bangalore of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 31-01-2025 at 11.00 AM to 12.30 PM for recovery of below mentioned amount.

**E-AUCTION DATE: 31.01.2025**

**Borrower(s):** (1) M/s. ASK Renewables, No.50, 2nd Floor, 2nd Main, 5th 'A' Cross, Coconut Garden, Bengaluru-560072. (2) Mrs. Nayana Hegde W/o Nitin N Hebbar, No.10144, Sobera Aspire, Nagasandra Village, Tumkur Road, Bengaluru-560073, also at: SUMERGREEN ENERGIE, No. 50, 2nd FLOOR, 2nd Main, Kalyanagar, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore-560072. (3) Mrs. Swapna Kalanj W/o Yogeshwara Hebbar, No. 9, Venkateshwar Nilaya, Anantashayana Nagar, Leggere, Bengaluru -560058. (4) Mrs. Manuja G W/o Ravikumar S M, No.50, 2nd Floor, 2nd Main, 5th 'A' Cross, Coconut Garden, Near Nagarabhavi Circle, Bengaluru-560072. (5) Mr. Lakshmiipathy S/o Gopalappa N P, 10th Cross, 9th Main, Hennur, Maruthi Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru -560043.

Total liabilities Rs.4,27,16,621.06 (Rupees Four Crores Twenty Seven Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty One Rupees and Six Paise only) as on 12.01.2025 and interest and other charges there on from 13-01-2025.

Reserve Price: 267.42 Lakhs. EMD: Rs. 26.74 Lakhs. Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before: 29.01.2025 up to 4.00 PM.

**Description of the immovable/ movable assets:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.27, House No 431, Katha No. 528, Assessment No.42, measuring East to West 56 Feet and North to South 50 Feet in lot 2800 Sq. ft. with RCC loaded residential building situated at 10th Cross, 9th Main Road, Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk - 560043 and property in the name of Mr. Lakshmiipathy and bounded on the North by : Sri Nagesgowda's Property, South by : Sri Manjunatha's Property, East by : 40 Feet Road, West By : Sri Kodandappa's Property.

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank. For further details Divisional Manager, Canara Bank, Regional Office West, E-mail Id [roblrw@canarabank.com](mailto:roblrw@canarabank.com), [cb2454@canarabank.com](mailto:cb2454@canarabank.com) Mob No.702212698/7411509379/ 9997435240), OR the service provider BAAANKNET (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd) Bangalore (Contact No. 8291220220) E-mail: Support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com may be contacted during office hours on any working day.

Place: Bengaluru Sd/- Authorised Officer  
Date : 15.01.2025 Canara Bank

**केनरा बैंक Canara Bank Regional Office West**  
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**E-AUCTION DATE: 31-01-2025**

**Borrower(s):** (1) Smt. Thilakavathy W/o Hari C N V. (2) Sri. Hari C N V S/o Sri. C Narayanaswamy, Both are residing at: #1255, 10th Main, 11th B Cross, 2nd Stage, West of Chord Road, Mahalakshimpuram, Bengaluru-560086.

Total liabilities Rs 13,53,462.65 (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Two Rupees and Sixty Five Paise only) as on 12.01.2025 and interest and other charges there on from 13.01.2025.

Reserve Price: Rs. 28.19 Lakhs. EMD: Rs. 2.81 Lakhs. Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before: 29.01.2025 up to 4.00 PM.

**Description of the immovable/ movable assets:** Item No 1: All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy No.30 measuring 7 acres 24.05 guntas, Sy No.31 measuring 6 acres 25.05 guntas, Sy No.32 measuring 9 acres 06 guntas, Sy No.33 measuring 9 acres 37.05 guntas and Sy No.34 measuring 6 acres 0.5 guntas, totalling measuring 39 acres 13.75 guntas situated at Kadathanamale village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore.

Item No 2: All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy No.161 measuring 2 acres situated at Kadathanamale village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore.

**SCHEDULE A: (Entire property on which the building is constructed):** All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy No 30 (measuring 7 acres 24.05 guntas), Sy No 31 (measuring 6 acres 25.05 guntas), Sy No 32 (measuring 9 acres 06 guntas), Sy No 33 (measuring 9 acres 37.05 guntas) and Sy No 34 (measuring 6 acres 0.5 guntas) and Sy No 161 (measuring 2 acres) situated at Kadathanamale village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore totalling measuring 41 acres 13.75 guntas (18,00,933.75 sq ft). This includes 10 acres 26.68 guntas of land reserved for the purpose of park and open spaces ( 8 acres, 5.623 guntas i.e 3,58,960 sq feet), Civic amenities (2 acres 2.827 guntas i.e 90,199.52 sq feet) of Doddaballapur Road abutting Sy No 161 and area left for the proposed 15 meter CDP road comprised in Sy Nos 30/1, 30/2 and 30/3 (16.23 guntas i.e 17,690.74) and bounded: East by : Land in Sy No 160, Doddaballapur Road, Land in Sy No 162, 163, 164, 40 and 41, West by : Land in Sy No 41, 29, 30/7(P), 31/4(P), 31/3(P), 31/2(P), 31/1(P), 34/2(P), 34/1(P), North by: Land in Survey Nos 37, 38 and 160, South by: Land in Survey Nos 41 and 29.

**SCHEDULE B1: (Property conveyed under this Deed):** An undivided 0.0188% share (equivalent to 245.62 square feet) in land measuring 10006611.05 sq feet being the land apportioned to the Residual Development forming part of Schedule A property

**SCHEDULE C: (Description of the Apartment):** All that piece and parcel of the Residential Flat located at Flat No-005



Malvika & Priyanshu, shuttlers with aspirations, show plenty of grit against high-quality rivals

## Lesson in defeat for shuttler duo

ANMOL GURUNG @ New Delhi

BADMINTON at the elite level is unforgiving. Malvika Bansod and Priyanshu Rajawat can attest to that. While facing elite-status opponents in their respective matches in the ongoing India Open on Wednesday, the singles specialists went toe-to-toe to leave a notable impression. Although that didn't stop them from being on the losing side, they walked away with a valuable lesson or two.

Malvika stood against Han Yue, the World No 4 shuttler from China while Priyanshu locked horns with Kodai Naraoka, the World No 7 from Japan. Under normal circumstances, a first-round loss is something that can be soul-crushing. But for someone like Malvika and Priyanshu, the manner in which they operated on the day was uplifting.

Malvika's game had grace written all over it, especially in the opening stanza. The 23-year-old southpaw was manipulating the shuttle with plenty of poise. Despite a healthy dose of crafty work, Malvika found herself in survival mode towards the end (two game points against her). However, she remained unfazed and went on to pocket the game.

Han was a different beast at the start of the second game. Ruthless and efficient, there was a clear gap in quality between the two then. But Malvika yet again displayed quality to escape from a situation of hopelessness to flip the script. But she could not sustain that quality this time, thereby conceding the game to the Chinese shuttler.

The third game was as engaging as the opening two but eventually, Han proved to be too powerful on the day. The score read 22-20, 16-21, 11-21 in Han's favour.

This was certainly a spirited effort but as ruthless it might sound, wins are a must in order to stay relevant and Malvika, who has been looking to become a regular fixture at the highest level, is aware of the enormity of the challenge ahead of her. "The road ahead is quite steep. But I have done pretty well since the second-half of last year. From June onwards, I have put up some consistent performances, which has helped me raise my rankings from late 40s to 27. To keep up this momentum, a lot of hard work is required," Malvika told reporters after her contest. "I have qualified for the All England Championships and I'm in the race to qualify for the World Championships. So, I'll have back-to-back major events in 2025 and I'm looking forward to some solid performances," she added. Priyanshu, who is World No 38, had a somewhat similar tale against his Japanese opponent. Like Malvika, Priyanshu is also running the races to be in company of top guns. The 22-year-old lost 16-21, 22-20, 21-13.

**Lakshya, Prannoy out**

As the sun went down, it was a gloomy atmosphere as Lakshya Sen put up a tame performance to crash out, his second successive Round of 32 exit. It was quite odd as Lakshya is known for his courage, his 'never give up' attitude. That mantra is engraved in his mind and on his right arm. But that seemed to



Malvika Bansod gave a good account of herself against China's Han Yue | ANI



Lakshya Sen

have evaded after a morale-draining first-game loss against Chinese Taipei's Lin Chun-yi. He never quite recovered after that early jolt and eventually lost 21-15, 21-10. "I couldn't really play my game today. The movement was a slow day and I wasn't really getting under the shuttle. Credit to him, he played really well. I could have played a bit more patiently, and not given him too many chances. I was prepared for a tough match and had prepared well against him," a visibly dejected Lakshya told reporters after the match.

HS Prannoy also ended on the losing side earlier. The Indian lost 16-21, 21-18, 21-12 against Su Li Yang. Anupama Upadhyaya came out on top in an all-Indian women's singles contest against Rakshittha Sree Santosh Ramraj. The former national champ won 21-17, 21-18 in 43 minutes.

Ashwini Ponnappa-Tanisha Crasto, Rutuparna Panda-Swetaparna Panda (women's doubles) found success on the day along with the mixed doubles pair of Ashith Surya and Amruta Pramuthesh.

## Coach Irwansyah good for India, says Christie

ANMOL GURUNG @ New Delhi

JONATAN Christie was clearly operating at his will on Wednesday. The Indonesian singles shuttler was meticulous. Be it in front of the net or near the back line, he was bossing in every nook and corner of the court. Wang Tzu Wei, his Round of 32 opponent, was the one on the receiving end.

Having conquered the All England title and having posted other notable wins in 2024, the Indonesian has been carrying a

different aura and he's intent on going higher, especially after a first-round setback in the season opener in Malaysia. His standards have risen and that was evident in his assessment later. "I feel I haven't been good enough because last week I lost in the last round. Today, I'm really happy as I got through to the second round," Christie, who beat Wang 21-18, 21-15, later reflected.

Christie was landing some telling smashes and was also displaying his ninja-like agility

in front of the net. Wang was clearly suffocated before the inevitable transpired. "I think I was just more patient and waited for him to make the mistake. He's a very tricky player. I just tried to keep my confidence and my focus," Christie said.

One of the persons behind Christie's current aura inside the court is Irwansyah Adi Pratama. The latter is beginning a fresh chapter with the India women's players and the World No 3 Christie expects the coach to continue with the

same vein. "He's a good coach, both on and off the field. He loves his players and it's very good for India. Away from the court, he used to explain to me about dealing with losses. Sometimes you lose and you never give up." He's also happy to be playing in India. "It's really good to play here again. Every time I play here, I get support from Indian fans as well as Indonesian fans. I'm happy to play here." The Indonesian pro will be hoping to continue to delight the fans.

## Karnataka enter Vijay Hazare final

AGENCIES @ Vadodara

DEVUTT Padikkal and Ravichandran Smaran produced a masterclass in tackling spinners on a tough pitch, as their fifties facilitated Karnataka's entry into the Vijay Hazare Trophy final with a five-wicket over Haryana here on Wednesday.

Karnataka's chase of a manageable 238 began on a shaky note, losing skipper and top run-getter Mayank Agarwal in the first over itself, as pacer Anshul Kamboj's low-slung delivery trapped him in front of the

wicket. But Devdutt (86, 113b, 8x4, 1x6) and Smaran (76, 94b, 3x4, 3x6) milked 128 runs for the third wicket as Karnataka overhauled the target in 47.2 overs, making 238 for five. But a victory with nearly three overs to spare at times can offer the picture of a canter, but the four-time champions' march to the title clash with either Vidarbha or Maharashtra was anything but that.

After Agarwal's dismissal, KV Aneesh (22, 47b) took 14 balls to get off the mark and never really came to terms with the deck's slow nature and vari-

able bounce. However, Devdutt and 21-year-old Smaran showed how to do that.

Devdutt, fresh from his 102 against Baroda in the quarter-finals, paced his innings quite beautifully, taking the risk elements out of his game. At the other end, Smaran too started cautiously but opened up once his fifty was reached.

Earlier, Karnataka bowlers led by left-arm pacer Abhilash Shetty (4/34) kept Haryana on the back foot in the company of leg-spinner Shreyas Gopal (2/36) and pacer Prasidh Krishna (2/40).

## Soorma Hockey overcome Odisha Warriors 2-1

Soorma Hockey Club continued their strong showing in the Women's HIL, winning their second match by overcoming Odisha Warriors 2-1 here on Wednesday. Hina Bano (6') opened the account for Soorma Hockey, while Sonam (47') doubled the lead in the last quarter. Freeke Moes (57') scored late for Warriors but could not change the outcome

## Record-shattering day in Rajkot for India women

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
@ Chennai

IT was yet another day of shattering records in Rajkot as India women beat Ireland in the third and final ODI to win the series 3-0 on Wednesday. It began with Smriti Mandhana scoring the fastest ODI hundred by an Indian woman — in 70 balls — and ended with the team's largest victory margin in the 50-over format — 304 runs.

In between the two high points, a whole lot happened as well. Pratika Rawal continued her good form, registering her first ODI century. She went on to smash 154 runs in 129 balls, finishing the series with 310 runs. Fittingly, she was also the player of the series. India posted 435/5, their highest total in ODIs and fourth highest by any team, before dismissing Ireland for a meagre 131.

At one point, it even looked



Smriti Mandhana (L) and Pratika Rawal smashed centuries | SPORTSPICS

like 500 was possible. Mandhana and Rawal started in such a fashion that bowlers were shown no mercy. The skipper, in particular, was batting at a strike rate well over 160. Once the powerplay was done, there was a bit of a slow down, but Mandhana went past Harmanpreet Kaur's 87-ball hundred to secure the Indian record. Even

as she fell, India promoted Richa Ghosh to keep the momentum going. Rawal brought up her century, Ghosh her fifty and India had reached 300 in the 36th over. When it looked like Rawal had a chance to convert it into a double ton, she fell. India added 85 runs in the last ten overs, finishing with 435/5.

Happening in Rajkot, the ODI series had been a paradise for the batters with flat tracks and little help for the bowlers. In the absence of Kaur, who was rested, Mandhana led the team from the front as India tried to find some answers in the lead up to the ODI World Cup. The focus will now shift to the Women's Premier League with India's next international assignment being in England four months later.

**Brief scores:** India 435/5 in 50 overs (Rawal 154, Mandhana 135; Prendergast 2/71) **bt** Ireland 131 all out in 31.4 ovs (Forbes 4; Deepthi 3/27, Tanuja 2/31).

## Of shedding fear of failure and helping youngsters

GOMESH S @ Chennai

DECEMBER 11, 2024 remains an unforgettable day for Arundhati Reddy. After waiting for her chance in the first two games, the all-rounder took the field for India on a hot day at the WACA in Perth against Australia in the third and final ODI. By the time she was done with her first five overs, Australia went from 52/0 to 78/4 and Reddy's figures read 5-1-11-4. Although Australia went on to score 298/6 and beat India comfortably, Reddy finished with 4/26 — third-best ODI figures by a visiting bowler in Australia. "I think what worked for me was, because I didn't play the first two games, I could analyse the batters and their game plans against the medium-pacers. That two matches helped me just understand what the batting order of Australia does. So I could make individual plans," she recalled at the MA Chidambaram Stadium on Wednesday.

Reddy is in Chennai for the senior women's one-day challenges and her side, Team A, fell short in the last-over finish, conceding the trophy to Team C. That ODI in Perth was her last outing in India colours. Since then, Reddy was not included in the squad for the home series against West Indies and Ireland. While it is not easy for any player to be in such a position, the all-rounder wants to focus on what she can do to be the best version of herself. "These things are not in my hands. I think at the end of the day, my cricket is in my hands and if I just keep doing my job and when the opportunity comes, I will do well for India," she said. It is the kind of mindset that has helped Reddy become the cricketer she is in the last few years. To



Arundhati Reddy | FILE PIC

not worry about failures, take risks, express herself and work towards becoming the best all-rounder in the world. She had to change quite a few things to make it happen. "Obviously there was a lot of fear of failure when I was young. But now I just want to do well in which ever team I play for. I am okay to take the risks that come with it. I think that is helping my game a lot," she said. "I think now I've become responsible enough to understand which ever team I play for, I'm also one of the senior players. It helps me a lot. Seeing things that way, helping the other girls. I think that gets the best out of me."

In this couple of years, Arjun, former India fielding coach Biju George, who is also with Delhi Capitals, and former Hyderabad cricketer Sumanth Kolla have been the ones Reddy has turned to for help whenever she needed. "These three people have really helped me a lot. Whenever I need any kind of help, it's them I look up to. It just gives me a sense of peace just knowing that they are backing me," she said. In the challengers, Reddy took two three-fers, helping Team-A reach the final. While they did not end up winning, Reddy looks ahead towards doing well & winning title for Delhi Capitals in the WPL.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

## Joburg Super Kings beat Durban Super Giants

AGENCIES @ Durban

JOBURG Super Kings got the better of Durban's Super Giants by 28 runs in their SA20 encounter in Durban on Tuesday. This is Super Kings' second win in as many games. In contrast, their opponents have now won only one game in three.

On Tuesday, it was the visitors' all-round effort which proved to be the difference in the end. After opting to bat first under lights, none of their batters crossed 38 but as many as four batters crossed 20. In the bowling department, all the bowlers who were used (six to be precise) picked up at least one wicket, with Donavan Ferreira proving to be the pick of the bowlers as he returned figures of 2/15 in four overs. Gerald Coetzee and Tabraiz Shamsi also picked up a brace of wickets each. In the end, the hosts were bowled out for 141. Earlier, Faf du Plessis was dismissed in the first over but Devon Conway and Leus du Plooy enabled them to set a target of 170. **Brief scores:** Joburg 169/7 in 20 ovs (Du Plooy 38, Bairstow 26, Ferreira 26, Subrayen 2/24) **bt** Durban 141 in 18 ovs (De Kock 55).



Leus du Plooy in action during the JSK and DSG SA20 league game | SA20

### EXPRESS READ

#### De Chambeau heads starcam in Asian Tour

GURUGRAM: As many as 15 LIV Golf League stars and nine winners from the Asian Tour's 2024 season will be teeing at the \$2 million International Series India beginning on January 30. Reigning Major winner Bryson DeChambeau, who had top-six finishes in three of the four Majors, including a win at the US Open, heads a stellar lineup. The top 20 from last year's LIV Golf League will be in the field.

#### Humpy to return to Norway chess event

STAVANGER: Reigning World Rapid chess champion and Indian Grandmaster Koneru Humpy will return to compete in the Norway Chess Women in May. Currently ranked world No 6 in women's classical chess, Humpy aims to make her mark in the prestigious chess event. Humpy's return to Norway Chess Women highlights her remarkable career, filled with significant milestones.

#### Chennaiyin draw against Mohammedan

KOLKATA: On their first-ever visit to the Kishore Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata, Chennaiyin FC managed to draw their match against Mohammedan Sporting on Wednesday. With the 2-2 draw, Chennaiyin took home a point in the Indian Super League 2024-25. Chennaiyin's Matchday II featured the much-anticipated return of Elsinho after a brief spell on the sidelines.

## Day of draws: Liverpool at Forest; City, Chelsea held

AGENCIES @ London

LIVERPOOL will be glad to see the back of Nottingham Forest. Two games against the big surprise of the Premier League season have yielded just one point for the leaders after their 1-1 draw at Forest's rocking City Ground on Tuesday.

Liverpool lost only once in 20 games so far and that was 1-0 at home to Forest in September. Four months later, Diogo Jota scored with a header from a corner in the 66th minute, just 22 seconds after coming on as a substitute, to earn Liverpool a draw that maintained its six-point cushion over Forest, which moved into second place in its improbable bid to qualify for the Champions League.

#### Late goals haunt City

Manchester City showed more late-game fallibility in squandering a two-goal lead to draw 2-2 at Brentford. City conceded in the 82nd minute and again two minutes into stoppage time after Phil Foden scored twice for City, who are battling to simply qualify for Champions League.

Meanwhile, Chelsea salvaged a 2-2 draw at home to Bournemouth thanks to Reece James' free kick in the fifth minute of stoppage time but saw its winless run extend to five games. Cole Palmer put Chelsea ahead in 13th, only for Bournemouth to respond as Antoine Semenyo won a penalty converted by Justin Kluivert.

## More Major history for Djokovic Down Under

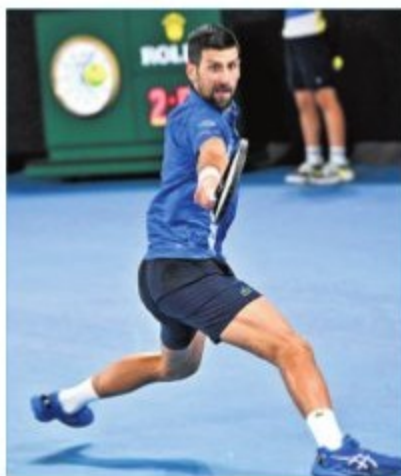
AFP @ Melbourne

NOVAK Djokovic celebrated a slice of Grand Slam history on his way into the Australian Open third round on Wednesday, but last year's women's finalist Zheng Qinwen was knocked out in the biggest shock so far.

Defending champion Aryna Sabalenka, in-form Coco Gauff, former Melbourne winner Naomi Osaka and a rampant Carlos Alcaraz were all victors on a rainy day four.

Alexander Zverev also progressed but Norway's Casper Ruud went down in four sets to Czech teenager Jakub Mensik to become the highest men's seed to fall at six.

Playing under the roof on Rod Laver Arena, Djokovic needed four sets for the second match in a row before defeating



Novak Djokovic entered 3rd round of Australian Open after beating Jaime Faria on Wednesday | AFP

Portuguese qualifier Jaime Faria 6-1, 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-2.

It was Djokovic's 430th singles match at a major to claim sole ownership of most ever played, men or women, in the

#### Bhambri/Olivetti exit

India's Yuki Bhambri and his French partner Albano Olivetti bowed out of after a straight-sets loss to local wildcards Tristan Schoolkate and Adam Walton in the opening round on Wednesday. The Indo-French duo, struggling with errors, fell 2-6, 6-7 in the men's doubles match that lasted one hour and 20 minutes.

Open Era ahead of Roger Federer (429) and Serena Williams (423). Djokovic faces Czech 26th seed Tomas Machac next and is drawn to meet Spain's Alcaraz in the last eight. Four-time Grand Slam winner Alcaraz dropped just five games in an ominous display to sprint into the third round. The third seed showed no mercy to Japan's Yoshihito Nishioka in a 6-0, 6-1, 6-4 rout in 81 minutes.

#### Results

**Results (select, 2nd Rd):**  
Men's singles Novak Djokovic bt Jaime Faria 6-1, 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-2; Carlos Alcaraz bt Yoshihito Nishioka 6-0, 6-1, 6-4; Jakub Mensik bt Casper Ruud 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4; Alexander Zverev bt Pedro Martinez 6-1, 6-4, 6-1.  
**Women's singles:** A Sabalenka bt Jessica Bouzas 6-3, 7-5; Laura Siegemund bt Zheng Qinwen 7-6 (3), 6-3; Coco Gauff bt Jodie Burrage 6-3, 7-5; Naomi Osaka bt Karolina Muchova 1-6, 6-1, 6-3.  
**Thursday's matches (2nd Rd):** Men's singles Tristan Boyer vs Alex de Minaur, Matteo Berrettini vs Holger Rune, Jannik Sinner vs Tristan Schoolkate.  
**Women's singles:** Rebecca Sramkova vs Iga Swiatek, Elena Rybakina vs Iva Jovic, Renata Zarazua vs Jasmin Paolini.

Live On Sony Sports





This season, we explore five luxury resorts in South India whose curated experiences bring together the best of wild nature, wellness, local culture and adventure...

## HOLISTIC HOLIDAYS IN THE WILD

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LUXURY travel is evolving to offer more than just indulgence, with resorts now combining wellness, curated comfort and safari experiences in the heart of nature. This trend, popular in Northern India with iconic properties in regions like Rajasthan's Ranthambore, Gujarat's Gir and Uttarakhand's Jim Corbett, has recently gained traction in the South, spurring the development of thoughtful retreats in areas like Kabini, Bandipur, Wayanad and Mudumalai. These properties are designed to provide holistic experiences, offering everything from guided wildlife safaris and spa sessions to locally inspired gourmet dining and sustainable luxury accommodations.

Evolve Back resort in Kabini, for instance, offers a deep dive into the local Kuruba community's culture, with architecture inspired by their



Evolve Back Kabini

tribal huts, authentic culinary experiences, an ayurvedic spa and curated storytelling sessions alongside coracle river rides that connect guests to the land's heritage. Kabini, nestled in Karnataka is a premier destination for wildlife enthusiasts, thanks to the *Kabini Forest Reserve*, part of the *Nagarhole National Park* boasting elephants, tigers, leopards and over 250 species of birds. Traverse the dense forests in a jeep, providing chance encounters with the big cats and mammals or a boat safari offering sightings of aquatic species and animals that frequent the riverbanks. ₹35,000 onwards. At *Beerambally*.

Similarly, The Serai in Bandipur highlights the essence of Karnataka's Western Ghats and a crucial segment of the *Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve* with various trails designed for families, including bullock cart rides, mountain biking, birdwatching expeditions and safaris that drive directly into the jungle. Guests have the rare opportunity to get remarkably close to tigers, leopards, panthers, elephants and a host of other wildlife species. The getaway is further enhanced with unique experiences like *Oma The Spa*, featuring a collection of therapies crafted with fresh ground coffee sourced from the resort's estates. ₹14,000 onwards. At *Kaniyanpura Village*.

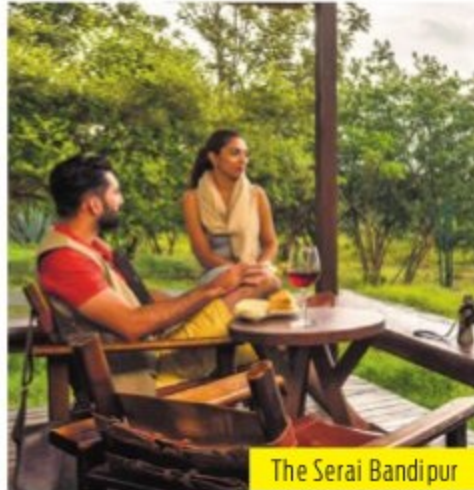
In Thekkady, *Amritara Shalimar Spice Garden Resort & Spa* promises a serene escape perched at the edge of the *Periyar Tiger Reserve*. Surrounded by lush spice plantations and trees heavy with mangoes, nutmeg and cardamom, it sets the tone for a simple yet enriching retreat. Guests can embark on a day-long hiking and rafting adventure in the *Peri-*



Wild Planet Bana Heights Resort



Amritara Shalimar Spice Garden Resort & Spa



The Serai Bandipur

*yar Tiger Reserve*, where one can float on bamboo rafts for panoramic views of the landscape and wildlife, including elephants and langurs. The resort also offers unique cultural experiences such as *kalaripayattu* martial arts and *kathakali* performances. The *Periyar Tiger Reserve* is a sanctuary for a variety of species, including Bengal tigers and over 266 species of birds, such as the Malabar grey hornbill and Nilgiri wood pi-

geon. ₹14,000 onwards. At *Kumily Alady Road*.

Journey deep into the Banasura Hills and the Western Ghats to find yourselves at *Wild Planet Bana Heights Resort*—an enchanting luxury haven set atop the Mangalassery Hills. Known for its thrilling adventure activities like the Floating Bridge, Monkey Crawling and Pole Climbing, the resort also provides a chance to unwind with a visit to its Mini Theatre. For those craving outdoor exploration, the trekking and hiking trails in Wayanad lead to breathtaking vistas. Just an hour away from the resort is *Tholpetty Wildlife Sanctuary* in Wayanad renowned for jungle safaris, night camping and trekking. The sanctuary is home to elephants, colourful birds, butterflies and majestic teak forests, making it an ideal escape. ₹8,500 onwards. At *Vellamunda*.

A special mention to *Jungle Hut* in Masinagudi, one of Tamil Nadu's top-rated wildlife resorts that immerses guests in the true sounds of the jungle, offering birdwatching treks with expert guides through open meadows, babbling brooks and rivers. The resort also arranges van safaris and visits to the forest department's elephant camp, where around 30 elephants are lovingly cared for. Guests can watch the elephants receive baths before enjoying hearty meals. Situated at the foothills of the Nilgiri Hills, *Jungle Hut* is surrounded by the *Mudumalai* and *Bandipur Tiger Reserves*, part of the *Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve*. After a day of adventure, guests can relax by the pool or unwind with a massage on the deck, all while soaking in the peaceful vistas. ₹8,500 onwards. At *Bokkapuram*.

## TWO OF KERALA'S BEACHES BAG BLUE FLAG CERTIFICATION

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KERALA'S picturesque Kappad Beach in Kozhikode and the serene Chal Beach in Kannur have been honoured with the prestigious *Blue Flag* certification, a globally recognised eco-label awarded by the Denmark-based *Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE)*. This certification reflects the beaches' commitment to meeting rigorous environmental, safety and sustainable tourism standards.

Kappad Beach, located in the Kozhikode district, offers an enchanting mix of history, biodiversity and natural beauty. It is famed as the landing spot of Portuguese explorer Vasco da Gama, who arrived on May 20, 1498, marking the beginning of European trade with India. A commemorative monument at the beach serves as a poignant reminder of this historic event. Beyond its historical significance, Kappad Beach is also an ecological haven, playing a vital role as a nesting site for the endangered Olive Ridley turtles. Visitors can enjoy activities such as surfing, swimming, kayak-

This achievement demonstrates God's Own Country's continued dedication to promoting responsible and inclusive tourism...

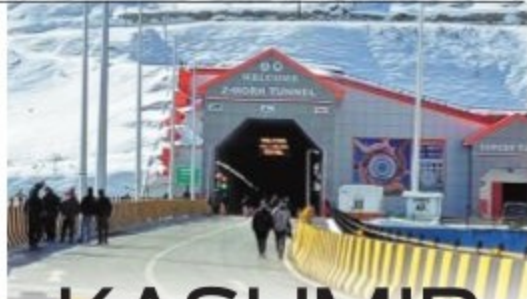
ing and boating here along with local shops and shacks offering fresh seafood and handmade souvenirs. For those seeking further exploration, nearby attractions include the Kappad Backwaters, the historic Kappad Fort and cultural landmarks like the *Tali Temple* and *Pazhassi Raja Museum*.

Located 10 kilometres north of Kannur in Azhikode *Grama Panchayat*, Chal Beach is a peaceful retreat, ideal for families and naturalists. The beach stretches 800 metres, its soft sands inviting leisurely strolls. The 300-metre safe swimming zone, monitored by lifeguards, offers a safe and enjoyable experience for those keen to dip into the sea. Chal Beach is also home to several attractions, including a vibrant Butterfly Park, which entices nature lovers with its colourful winged inhabitants. For younger visitors, a well-equipped Children's

Park provides plenty of entertainment. The Turtle Hatchery, active during the nesting season, offers an insightful glimpse into the efforts made to conserve Olive Ridley turtles.

*Kerala Tourism* minister PA Mohamed Riyas expressed his delight at the accomplishment, noting that the *Blue Flag* status not only boosts the international appeal of these two beaches but also reinforces Kerala's growing reputation as a top destination for responsible and sustainable tourism. "The *Blue Flag* status not only elevates the global appeal of Kappad and Chal beaches but also reinforces Kerala's reputation as a responsible tourism destination," he shares.

Both Kappad and Chal Beaches now join an exclusive list of global destinations with the coveted *Blue Flag* certification, underscoring Kerala's commitment to sustainable tourism practices. *Kerala Tourism* director Sikha Surendran emphasised the importance of this achievement, highlighting that it demonstrates Kerala's continued dedication to promoting responsible and inclusive tourism.



## KASHMIR INAUGURATES ITS MOST AWAITED ALL-WEATHER TUNNEL

With this infrastructure in place, Sonmarg is set to become an attractive year-round travel destination, welcoming tourists eager to explore its natural beauty throughout the entire year...

SRUSHTI KULKARNI

SONMARG, known as the Meadow of Gold, is now poised to become a year-round destination for travellers thanks to the completion of the much-anticipated Z-Morh Tunnel. Located at an altitude of over 8,650 feet in the Ganderbal district of Jammu and Kashmir, this engineering marvel spans 6.5 kilometres and connects the scenic towns of Gagangair and Sonmarg. On January 13, Prime Minister Narendra Modi officially inaugurated the tunnel, bringing an end to Sonmarg's seasonal accessibility issues. Previously, the road leading to the town was blocked by heavy winter snowfall, leaving it isolated for months but the long bi-directional tunnel changes this, making Sonmarg accessible to visitors no matter the season.

Travellers will now be able to traverse through the tunnel in just 15 minutes, a significant reduction from the time it previously took to navigate the winding, avalanche-prone roads to Sonmarg. The tunnel, designed with a 7.5-metre-wide passage to ensure safe emergency exits, provides a secure route. Sonmarg is famous for its breathtaking landscapes, snow-covered peaks and pristine glaciers. Winter visitors can indulge in exhilarating activities like snowboarding and skiing down its glistening slopes. Those seeking a more tranquil experience can visit the *Thajiwas Glacier*, a stunning site just a short distance from Sonmarg or take a trek to the serene *Sarbal Village*, *Satsar Lake* and *Gadsar Lake*. Another noteworthy attraction is the *Zoji La Pass*, which is known for its scenic views and historical significance.

Another major tunnel, the *Zoji-la Tunnel*, is under construction and will link Sonmarg with Dras in Ladakh. Expected to be completed by 2028, this additional tunnel will further reduce travel times along the critical Kashmir-Ladakh route, enhancing the overall tourism experience and promoting the region as a must-visit destination in northern India.

## BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD INVITATION FOR TENDER (Only through kpp portal)

BWSSB invites tenders from registered Agencies for the following works.

Office of the Chief Engineer (East), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore-560 009.

| Sl. No. | Division | IFT Number                                                                             | Amount put to tender EMD Amount | Last date & time for receipt of tender | Date & time for opening of tender |
|---------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1       | East-1   | BWSSB/EE(East-1)/P.B/3653/2024-25 Date: 13.01.2025 (Call-2) (Reserved for SC Category) | Rs.10,46,806/-<br>Rs.13,100/-   | 22.01.2025 up to 4.00 pm               | 24.01.2025 after 5.00 pm          |
| 2       |          | BWSSB/EE(East-1)/P.B/3655/2024-25 Date: 13.01.2025                                     | Rs.30,75,890/-<br>Rs.76,900/-   |                                        |                                   |
| 3       |          | BWSSB/EE(East-1)/P.B/3657/2024-25 Date: 13.01.2025 (Reserved for SC Category)          | Rs.84,89,540/-<br>Rs.84,900/-   |                                        |                                   |
| 4       |          | BWSSB/EE(East-1)/P.B/3657/2024-25 Date: 13.01.2025 (Reserved for SC Category)          | Rs.84,46,299/-<br>Rs.86,500/-   |                                        |                                   |
| 5       |          | BWSSB/EE(East-1)/P.B/3657/2024-25 Date: 13.01.2025 (Reserved for SC Category)          | Rs.23,99,206/-<br>Rs.25,000/-   |                                        |                                   |
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Sd/- Executive Engineer (East-1)

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| 7  | East-2 | BWSSB/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT1483 (Call-5) | Rs.77,13,316.91<br>Rs.1,54,300    | 23.01.2025 at 4.00 pm | 24.01.2025 at 4.00 pm |
| 8  |        | BWSSB/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT1480 (Call-5) | Rs.75,37,898.41<br>Rs.1,50,800    |                       |                       |
| 9  |        | BWSSB/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT1454 (Call-3) | Rs.65,52,175.33<br>Rs.1,31,100    |                       |                       |
| 10 |        | BWSSB/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT1485 (Call-3) | Rs.69,38,826.42<br>Rs.1,38,776.52 |                       |                       |
| 11 |        | BWSSB/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT1783 (Call-4) | Rs.72,71,756.09<br>Rs.1,45,500.00 |                       |                       |
| 12 |        | BWSSB/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT1453 (Call-6) | Rs.65,52,175.33<br>Rs.1,31,100.00 |                       |                       |

Sd/- Executive Engineer (East-2)

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| 13 | UFW-2 | BWSSB/EE(UFW)-2/PB/483/2024-25 Date: 13.01.2025 (Call-3) | Rs.94,81,983/-<br>Rs.1,90,000 | 24.01.2025 up to 4.00 pm | 27.01.2025 after 4.05 pm |
| 14 |       | BWSSB/EE(UFW)-2/PB/484/2024-25 Date: 13.01.2025 (Call-3) | Rs.95,23,422/-<br>Rs.1,90,500 |                          |                          |

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The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>. For further details contact the undersigned office during working hours.

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**DAY'S DIARY**  
**Peace league formed**  
The Treaty of Versailles negotiated at the Paris Peace Conference of 1919, established the League of Nations with its first meeting held in January 1920

**A NEEDED MOVE**  
The creation was an important goal of US Prez Woodrow Wilson at the Conference at the end of World War I. He had called for it in his Fourteen Points and pushed strongly for it



**THE COVENANT**  
The founding document of the League composed of 26 articles, covering the mechanisms for a peaceful settlement of international disputes among others



**THE FALL**  
The League failed to prevent the outbreak of World War II, and has been viewed as a largely weak, ineffective, and powerless organisation

**CE's guide to happenings in the city**

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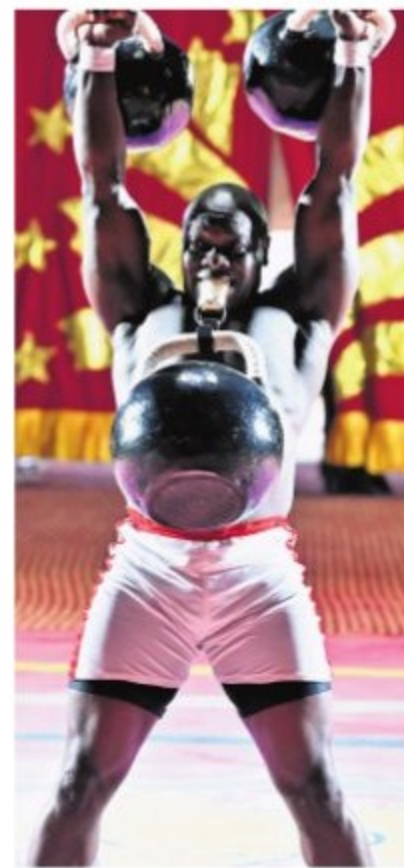
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## WORLD OF WONDERS



**T** RAPEZE artistes swing lithely in the air, weight lifters lift unimaginable weights with the strength of just their teeth, and men breathe out fire as if it is merely air – where else could this be, but the circus? Much-loved circus troupe, Jumbo Circus, is back in the city to regale children and adults alike with their astonishing feats. Witness it all at ITI Grounds, KR Puram until January 26.



As the demand for premium chocolate increases, Bengaluru is becoming prominent in the craft chocolate industry, with B'lureans appreciating cosmopolitan tastes and unique artisanal values

## WHY B'LURU IS THE NEW BELGIUM

GAYATHRI M KURUP

**I**N this fast-paced lifestyle, where everything feels like a rush, craft chocolates make you want to take it slow, enjoying every bar with contentment. So it's not entirely surprising that Bengaluru has seen an increase in production and demand for craft chocolates. Made in small artisanal batches from selected cocoa beans from a single-origin farm, craft chocolates are known for distinctive flavour profiles, unique blends, high-quality ingredients, and minimally processed chocolate.

"In the chocolate industry, Bengaluru is called the Belgium of India. The significance of Belgium is that it is a known place for chocolate makers and a big manufacturing hub for a lot of chocolate companies," shares Abhishek Singhania, the founder of Zoroy Luxury Chocolates. Luca Beltrami, a supplier of cocoa beans to Karnataka mentions, "Craft chocolate is an international movement that is finally finding its way in India." Singhania adds, "Craft chocolate as a category is growing at about 30 per cent for us."

As the demand for premium chocolate increases, Bengaluru is becoming prominent in the craft chocolate industry, with its diverse residents, appreciating cosmopolitan tastes and unique artisanal values. "People in the city are increasingly aware of the differences in chocolate quality and are keen to try craft chocolates for their distinct, complex flavours," says Geetha R, the founder of Cocomeet homemade chocolate. "As someone who strives for sustainability in my everyday life, even in small ways, choosing craft chocolate felt like a meaningful step. Knowing that these beans are ethically sourced, often directly from small-scale farmers, makes every bite feel a little less guilty. It's a delicious way to support fair trade and enjoy



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Abhishek Singhania, founder of Zoroy Luxury Chocolates

the rich flavours that mass-produced chocolate simply can't replicate," shares Anjana Nair, a craft chocolate enthusiast. Craft chocolates are a piece of art, as each batch is carefully crafted and made in small quantities, retaining its nutritional value with minimal processing. With very few

ingredients like cocoa beans, sugar, and the occasional fruits, nuts, or spices for flavour, craft chocolates preserve natural antioxidants and nutrients found in cocoa, making them a healthy option. "The cocoa is fresh, so the taste of every bar is unique. We take entire nibs and grind them all. So the chocolate is rich, just as nature intended it to be," says Chenddyna Schae, founder and managing director of Jus Truifs Chocolatiers Company.

The most exciting thing about craft chocolate is its wide variety of available flavours. With its emphasis on single-origin cocoa beans, the taste of each craft chocolate is often distinct, highlighting its terrain of origin. They are also infused with exotic spices, herbs, and fruits and are paired with ingredients like chilli, paprika, citrus, and even flowers to give sophisticated twists. "Since it is a natural product, every batch will have its variations in taste and that makes it so interesting to work with. We make chocolates using jaggery, and palm sugar for better health. We also add superfoods to our chocolates," shares Schae.

As craft chocolates are finding their way into more hearts and homes, they serve as a sweet reminder to indulge in eating something that you love—something unique, exotic and guilt-free.



### EXPRESS FEATURES

**A**S a young student of sociology, Hokuto Kaya, wanted to travel the world, learn about people and cultures, and 'live in many different countries'. Pursuing a career in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Japan, he is now the Deputy Consul General of Japan in Bengaluru, playing an important role alongside the Consul General in fostering cultural ties between Karnataka and Japan. This happens through all the serious business of diplomacy, of course, but also by hosting beloved events like Japan Habbu and the Japan Food Fest that have woven themselves into the cultural fabric of the city.

Interestingly, this is not Kaya's first brush with Indian culture. His first stint in the country was in Allahabad,



## JAPAN SE AAYA MERA DOST!

Hokuto Kaya, the Deputy Consul General of Japan in Bengaluru and Hindi-language expert, talks to CE about his first glimpse of India in Allahabad, life as a diplomat in B'luru, and Japan-India cultural relations

where he was 'sent to study Hindi in 1996', followed by working at the Embassy of Japan in New Delhi for two years, which, in all likelihood, deepened his grasp of the Hindi language. He has been surprised by the climactic serenity of Bengaluru, having been stationed here for more than a year now. He goes on to speak about the tolerance of Bengaluru to cultures outside it.

Kaya sees a political and economic strengthening of ties between Bengaluru and

India as 'truly a win-win relationship'. As Kaya understands, a political relationship is impossible without a cultural one; in his words, "I was rather surprised to find many similarities between Japanese and Indian cultures. For example, many Indian deities have been introduced to Japan as protectors of Buddhism. When I came to India 20 years ago, I was surprised at how similar the Indian god Saraswati looked to the Japanese god Benzaiten," he says.

During his stay in India, Kaya has learnt a lot about its culture and found considerable merit in the mindset he has witnessed. "Indian people are dynamic and flexible in their thinking," Kaya states, continuing: "I would like to emulate this and take new initiatives that are not bound by existing initiatives when I work in the Consulate General."

While thinking of emulation in terms of Indian culture, including personally taking up yoga, Kaya has been generous enough to organise the Japan Food Fest annually. Using food as a means of cultural commingling, Kaya's initiative saw a footfall of 1,600 people, a metric hopeful of a blossoming relationship between India and Japan.

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Hokuto Kaya, Deputy Consul General of Japan in Bengaluru

PIC: NAGARAJA GADEKAL



Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to [bengaluruexpress@gmail.com](mailto:bengaluruexpress@gmail.com) with the subject line 'Know Your City Quiz'. Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE.

THE RIGHT ANSWERS ARE

1. Cant Railway Station
2. True
3. Sampangi

FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

- 1) Jaikishan N
- 2) S Nagaraj
- 3) Anilkumar Janardanan

### BRAWFED organises

National Handloom Expo (NHE) "Gandhi Bunkar Mela" 2024-25, Bengaluru (for market promotion & sales of Hand-woven Textile & Handicraft Products under NHDP)

From: 03/01/2025 to 16/01/2025 daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Venue: Sri Hari Kalyana Mantapa, No.50, 30th main road, Attimabbe road, Banashankari 3rd stage, Bengaluru 85

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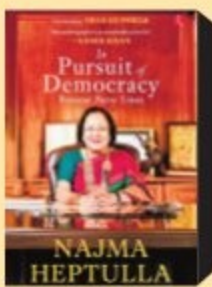
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**BOOK  
NOOK**



**In Pursuit of Democracy:  
Beyond Party Lines**

By Najma Heptulla

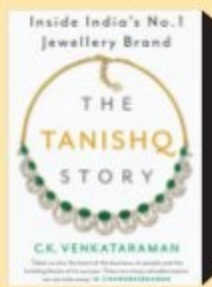
An autobiography of Najma Heptulla, this book reflects on her four-decade political career, key relationships, and personal struggles while shaping India's political landscape.



**Our Bones in Your  
Throat**

by Megha Rao

This story introduces the reader to a world of secrets, power struggles, and hidden dangers, where the protagonists are drawn to a mysterious spirit and a dark secret that could unravel an entire institution.



**The Tanishq Story**

by CK Venkataraman

This book unveils the remarkable journey of India's iconic jewellery brand, from its rocky beginnings to becoming a household name and will take the reader through a candid exploration of its early struggles, strategic turnarounds, and innovations in design and quality.



**After the Ocean**

by Lauren E Rico

This emotional novel unravels a decade-old enigma, propelling a mother and daughter on a journey of redemption, dealing with intergenerational trauma and family bonds, set amidst the beauty of Puerto Rico.



**FIT CHECK**

Actor Sonu Sood poses with fans at a fitness club in Sahakar Nagar | **NAGARAJA GADEKAL**

**QUICKFIX**

**NUTRI-DETOX SALAD**

**INGREDIENTS**

- Red cabbage: 50 g
- Carrot: 50 g
- Broccoli: 50 g
- Garlic: 3 cloves
- Parsley: 5 g
- Almond: 6 nos
- Black pepper: a pinch
- Turmeric powder: A pinch
- Ginger: 2 g
- Celery: 2 g
- Lemon: 5 ml
- Mint leaf: 2 leaves
- Salt

**METHOD**

- Chop the red cabbage, carrot and parsley.
- Then crush some garlic and sauté with blanched broccoli.
- Add all of the salad ingredients including almonds, ginger, and the rest to a large bowl and toss with the lemon dressing.



Contributed by **Athira Raj**, Pathanamthitta

**WHATWHENWHYWHERE**

**Techno Tempo**

If you are one to leap at the mention of a techno concert, this event might be the one to look out for this weekend. Witness Christian Craken, master of 'phobia music' live as he expands his magic onto you.

- 🕒 **WHEN:** January 18, 7.30pm
- 📍 **WHERE:** Sunburn Union, Koramangala
- 📄 **DETAILS:** insider.in



**Jam and Gel**

Soul Jam's presents We Jam, a lovely initiative where you can come sing, interact with fellow lovers of music, and spend a hearty time talking about your favourites and inspirations. The event starts with an open-mic session.

- 🕒 **WHEN:** January 18, 5pm
- 📍 **WHERE:** Gilly's Redefined, Koramangala
- 📄 **DETAILS:** insider.in



**Off-stage Fright**

Written and directed by Sambit Debnath, this is a story of cruel dichotomisation of self. When a vocal impairment of the protagonist causes unto him social isolation, the stage becomes his only space of solace.

- 🕒 **WHEN:** January 18, 7.30pm
- 📍 **WHERE:** VYOMA ArtSpace and Studio Theatre, JP Nagar
- 📄 **DETAILS:** insider.in

**Game Night**

People of all ages and interests can participate in this fun night of board games and conversations. A wide variety of board games will be in store, including Splendor, King of Tokyo, and more.

- 🕒 **WHEN:** January 18, 4pm
- 📍 **WHERE:** BurgerMan, Indiranagar
- 📄 **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



**Pop and Pride**

The second volume of Pride Jam arrives at the heels of the incredible success of the first volume. Queer artists can come together to jam and sing their hearts out in what is promised to be an event packed with holler and heart.

- 🕒 **WHEN:** January 18, 2pm
- 📍 **WHERE:** Gilly's Resto Bar, Jayanagar
- 📄 **DETAILS:** insider.in

**Husband Whirlwind**

Rangan & Shyam's comedy about a husband's journey through weight-loss and married life, *Husband - 360*, is about to take Bengaluru by storm this Sunday. The play will be having its 24th & 25th silver jubilee show; it is guaranteed to be a perfect laughter fest for families.

- 🕒 **WHEN:** January 19, 4.30pm
- 📍 **WHERE:** C Ashwath Kalabhavana, Basavanagudi
- 📄 **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



**Not Numb Anymore**

Linkin Park's influence as a band and phenomenon on an entire generation of musicians and listeners alike, is indisputable. This tribute night should be a fitting occasion to celebrate the band's timeless music.

- 🕒 **WHEN:** January 18, 9pm
- 📍 **WHERE:** Church Street Social, Ashok Nagar
- 📄 **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

**Threads through Time**

A beautiful multi-day event celebrating the work of artisans from all over the country, the Tarasha Craft Exhibit offers an opportunity to art enthusiasts and aspiring artisans to learn and engage with art. The event will include several workshops and performances.

- 🕒 **WHEN:** January 16-19
- 📍 **WHERE:** Bangalore International Centre, Domlur
- 📄 **DETAILS:** tarasha.org



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CONNECT**

HAVE A RECIPE OR ART  
WORK TO SHARE, OR  
A QUESTION TO ASK?

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**FITBIT**

**VASISTHASANA (SIDE PLANK  
POSE)**

This pose addresses three main aspects of the body: balance, muscular strength, and stretching. In addition to being a great heart opener, this pose works wonderfully in improving nervous balance. The main benefits of the side plank pose include strengthening and toning of arms and shoulders. This practice improves core strength and builds balance.

**STEPS**

- Start with a Plank Pose and press firmly on the floor with shoulders aligned with wrists.
- Roll both the heels of your feet to the left so that the outer edge of the foot is on the floor. Keep the core and legs engaged when turning.
- Place the other foot on top of the one lying on the floor. Ensure legs are straightened out.
- Shift the weight of body on left arm. Lift the right arm upward and change the torso to face to the side. Maintain the position of the left arm.
- Lift the right hand up straight in line with the left one. Ensure that the spine is straight and align tailbone with feet to keep back straight.
- Hold the position for a set time or 5 breaths and release.
- Practise the pose on the other side following the above steps.
- Release the pose slowly and return to the Plank Pose.
- Relax in Savasana (Corpse Pose).

**BENEFITS**

- Strengthens the arms, wrists and shoulder muscles.
- Instills a sense of balance within the body.
- Strengthens the core muscles in the abdomen.
- Stretches muscles of the inner thighs, groin and hamstrings.
- Enhances focus and concentration.
- Provides support for the lower body.
- Primarily included in power, vinyasa and sculpt yoga.
- Included in Ashtanga series and poses.
- Strengthens the musculoskeletal system and activates the Manipura (Solar Plexus) Chakra.
- Aids in digestion.
- Regular practice of this pose helps to strengthen the abdomen.

**LIMITATIONS**

- Students avoid this pose in case of any injury to the arms, legs, neck and back, recovering from a recent surgery, any issue in the chest, ribcage, or shoulders, herniated disc or rheumatoid arthritis, issues like carpal tunnel syndrome, tendinitis, bursitis, etc.
- Women during pregnancy should only perform it with the help of props and with proper caution.
- If you have any serious injury to wrist, elbow, arms or shoulders, any recent surgery of the abdomen, arms or legs, avoid the pose.



By **N Elumalai**, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at **Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai**

**ARTCORNER**



**AN ANXIOUS ABYSS**

Artist Tushar Joshi's artwork illustrates a visceral scream of anxiety, where shadows and flames entwine in a storm of despair





## Healthy eating

**DR Y RAJYALAKSHMI DEVI, PhD FOOD & NUTRITION, DDM, CHIEF DIETICIAN & SENIOR CLINICAL NUTRITIONIST AT KIMS - LIVLIFE**

A key trend gaining traction is 'personalised nutrition through genetic testing'. With the rise of accessible genetic testing, individuals will have tailored nutrition plans based on their unique genetic makeup, microbiome, and lifestyle, helping optimise health outcomes. Another growing focus is 'functional foods for mental health', which emphasises the connection between the gut and brain. Probiotics, prebiotics, and adaptogens like ashwagandha and lion's mane mushrooms will become popular for reducing stress, improving sleep, and enhancing mental clarity. Plant-friendly diets will also remain a priority, emphasising sustainable food choices like plant-based and lab-grown alternatives and carbon-labelled products to highlight their environmental impact. The 'food as medicine' approach will continue to grow, focusing on anti-inflammatory foods and ingredients that help manage chronic diseases such as diabetes and cardiovascular issues. Tech-enhanced nutrition through wearables and apps will track biomarkers like glucose levels and nutrient absorption, offering real-time feedback for diet optimisation. Zero-waste and upcycled foods, like banana peel flour and beet pulp crackers, will commit to reducing food waste. Diet trends like Microbiome Diet 2.0 and Flexitarian 2.0 will emerge, emphasising personalised gut health and ethical eating. In 2025, the emphasis will be on balance, hydration, and mindful food choices, prioritising quality and sustainability for overall well-being.

Hale & hearty  
LOOKING AHEAD  
TRANSFORMATIVE  
HEALTH TRENDS 2025

From tailored nutrition plans to AI-driven diagnostics, these advancements will focus on holistic care, early detection, and sustainable choices, promoting overall well-being.

**Darshita Jain** speaks to experts about the trends in 2025

## Child wellness

**DR VITTAL KUMAR KESIREDDY, CONSULTANT & IN CHARGE - DEPARTMENT OF PAEDIATRICS, CARE HOSPITALS**

Paediatric healthcare is set to undergo changes to improve outcomes and care. A key trend is using artificial intelligence (AI) for earlier detection of conditions, autism and ADHD. Using data from wearable devices, AI-powered tools help spot developmental delays sooner, enabling timely interventions. Telemedicine continues to grow, offering virtual mental health services that make support more accessible to those in remote areas. Preventive care is also becoming personalised, using genetic data to create tailored wellness programmes for kids. Gene therapy is advancing for rare genetic disorders like Duchenne muscular dystrophy and spinal muscular atrophy, while immunotherapy, including CAR T-cell therapy, is improving paediatric cancer care. Vaccines are evolving with RSV vaccines for infants. Precision medicine and digital tools are transforming how chronic conditions are managed, offering personalised and effective treatments. These innovations are a shift towards personalised, holistic care for children in '25.

## Heart health

**DR PAWAN PODDAR, DIRECTOR OF CATH LAB AND SENIOR CONSULTANT INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGIST, YASHODA HOSPITALS**

2025 will bring exciting advancements in the field of cardiology. AI and predictive analytics will continue to play a significant role, helping us detect heart diseases earlier and create personalised treatment plans. Wearable technology and remote monitoring will allow for real-time tracking of heart health, enabling proactive interventions. Robotics in cardiac surgery will become common, offering precision and minimally invasive options for complex procedures. 3D printing will also enhance cardiac care, giving surgeons accurate, patient-specific models to plan surgeries. Gene editing with CRISPR could revolutionise how we repair genetic defects linked to heart disease. Bioengineered heart tissues might reduce the need for transplants, while advanced pacemakers and defibrillators will provide more efficient, smaller, and wireless options. Stem cell therapies could become more widely used for regenerating damaged heart tissues. To keep your heart healthy, focus on a balanced diet rich in whole grains and healthy fats, stay active, quit smoking, manage stress, and get regular check-ups to monitor key indicators like blood pressure and cholesterol.

## Healthy skin and hair

**DR K KRANTHI VARMA, CONSULTANT DERMATOLOGIST, RENOVA HOSPITALS**

In 2025, dermatology trends are shifting towards simple yet more efficient routines. Products which tackle multiple problems replace traditional multi-step regimens, offering better results with fewer steps. Regenerative treatments like stem cell procedures and platelet-rich plasma injections continue to grow in popularity due to their ability to rejuvenate the skin with minimal invasiveness. Exosome therapy, a newer approach, uses tiny particles to enhance skin health and combat signs of ageing. Non-surgical treatments for the lower face and jawline are expected to increase in demand. Artificial intelligence will play a big role in diagnosing skin conditions and providing personalised skincare advice online. Sunscreen formulas are improving, and skincare is becoming more body-focused. For 2025, expect innovations like AI-driven solutions, exosome therapies, ectoin for hydration, and oxyfacials for radiant skin. Simplified routines focused on hybrid products like serum-moisturiser blends will remain popular, while microbiome-friendly ingredients like niacinamide continue to support healthy skin. For hair care, deep-conditioning treatments and leave-in conditioners will help maintain moisture and shine.

## Mental health

**RADHIKA ACHARYA, CONSULTANT CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, DECCAN HOSPITAL**

AFTER the pandemic, mental health challenges became more prominent, leading to several key innovations, especially with the use of technology. The shift toward integrating digital tools into mental health programmes has made interventions more accessible and effective. Combining technology with a human-centred approach has become crucial, as AI plays a significant role in diagnosing, analysing data, and guiding clinicians in treatment planning. Tools like chatbots and AI-powered apps offer immediate emotional support, helping reduce distress and improve overall well-being. In 2025, the focus will continue to be on building resilience, emphasising its importance for long-term mental health success. Support groups, such as those for ADHD or schizophrenia, have gained more recognition, helping professionals facilitate meaningful connections and offer targeted support. Overall, technology remains a powerful enabler, working alongside human care to drive better outcomes in mental health.

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I, (OLD NAME) V POORANI, Spouse of NO.16113696M, HAV, VAIRAMOORTHY D. Residing at Door NO.7/1, Ganapathipattu (Vill), Veerudam (Post), Tindivanam (Taluk), Villupuram (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 605562. Have Changed My Name to (NEW NAME) POORANI IYYANAR. Vide Affidavit Dated 13.01.2025. Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, SANDIP R PANDEY, S/o Ramesh Pandey, age 43 years, R/at B-208, SLS Summer Fields, AECS Layout A Block, Singasandra, Bangalore-560088 do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from SHREEYA to SHRIYA PANDEY, henceforth she shall be known and called as SHRIYA PANDEY for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 21-11-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary B.M. CHANDRASHEKAR at Bangalore.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) C SALITHA W/o No.TJ-7501H, Rank: SUB, Name, G.BJUJ, residing at Kulappuram (Vill), Methu Kummal (Po) Villavancode (Teh), Kanniyakumari (Dist), Tamilnadu, have changed my name from (OLD NAME) C SALITHA to (NEW NAME) SALITHA BIJU vide affidavit dated 31.12.2024 sworn before Notary A.Gerard., Bangalore.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, KIRAN KUMAR .A.R, S/o, Rajanna, residing @ Flat No. 301, 2nd Floor, Elegancy Apartment, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, R.K. Township, Yandahalli, Jigani, Bengaluru-560105, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from KIRANA KUMARA .A.R to KIRAN KUMAR .A.R, vide affidavit dated 13.01.2025, sworn to before Sumithra .N, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, FARIDUNNISA (Old name) W/o Mohammed Khalandar. R/at No.7, 38th cross, Sanaula Layout, 5th block HBR Layout Bangalore - 560043 have changed my name to FARIDA UNNISA (New name) vide affidavit dated: 15/1/2025 before notary Srinivasa .D Bangalore.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, RASHMI SHAMPUR, D/o. Y. Bheemanna, Age 40 years, residing at No.32, 2nd Cross, 2nd Floor, Swimming Pool Extension, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560003 have changed my name from RASHMI to RASHMI SHAMPUR vide Affidavit dated 13-01-2025 sworn before advocate and notary R. Basavaraja, Bangalore

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, TAJUDDIN HONNUR RAIDURG S/o Honnur Azmath and Holder Passport No: T3117783 R/at No.9, Flat 01, 18th Main, SMS Layout, 5th Phase, JP Nagar, Bengaluru-560078 have changed my name to TAJUDDIN BASHA HONNUR RAIDURG vide affidavit dated: 15/1/2025 Before Notary A.Gerard Bangalore.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, SAMAIYA ARIF MEMON, Wife of Moosa Ismail, Aged 24 years, R/o. Flat No. 109, First Floor, Mannat Apartment, No. 49, MDM Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru 560005, have changed my name from SAMAIYA ARIF MEMON to SAMAIYA ARIF MEMON, vide affidavit dt. 13/1/2025 before Notary K. VENKATESHAN, Bengaluru.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) LEEELAVATI mother of NO 16119998P, HAV NAGARAJ NAIK, Residing at House NO 386/2A, Vannalli (vill), Kunta (Tehsil & post), Uttara Kannada (Dist), KARNATAKA (state), PIN:581343, Have Changed My Name to (NEW NAME) LILAVATI MANJUNATH NAIK, and DOB from 01/06/1962 to 01/02/1965 Vide Affidavit Dated 13.01.2025 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, B.J. NAGENDRA, S/o Late Jayaramshetty, residing at No. 49, 'Manjunatha Nilaya', 5th Cross, Appalaishwamy Layout, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-560061, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from S. NAGENDRA to B.J. NAGENDRA, vide affidavit dated 13.01.2025, sworn to before Hegde Ganapati Venkatraman, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

## CHANGE OF NAME

We, Balakrishnan J And Bharathi S R/a No.09, 3rd Cross, 1st Main Road, Venkataramangapura, Palace Guttalli, Malleshwaram PO, Bangalore-560003. Have changed my Son's Name from NITHIN B to VIVAN AKASH. Vide affidavit Date: 11.01.2025. Sworn before notary: Natesh.D

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, GANESHA ANNAMALAI S/o ANNAMALAI R/at No.11/4 20th Cross, Old Bagalur Layout, St Thomas Town, Bengaluru-560084 have changed my name to GANESHA vide affidavit dated: 15/1/2025 Before Notary A.Gerard Bangalore.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, KHALEELULLA MOHAMED MOHAMED ABDULLA S/o Mohamed Abdulla Holder of Passport No: M5834340 R/at No.80, St Johns Church Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru- 560005 have changed my name to MOHAMED KHALEEL ULLA MOHAMED ABDULLA vide affidavit dated: 15/1/2025 Before Notary A.Gerard Bangalore.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, ASHWINI SHARATH KUMAR W/o. Sharath Kumar N G. Aged about 49years, resident of No.C0001 Adarsh Astria, Kadirenahalli Main Road, Padmanabhanagar, Bengaluru-560070, have changed my name from ASHWINI SHARATH KUMAR to ASHWINI HARYADI GANESH or ASHWINI H.G. vide affidavit dated: 15-01-2025 sworn before notary H G Padmanabha Rao, Reg. No.12464, Bangalore.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO.15323532X HAV, LOGANATHAN R. Residing at H.NO. 5-2-125 C/8, Subramaniyapuram, Venkatasthrikottai, Konnampatti, Sevugampatti, Battalagundu (Post), Nilakottai (Taluk), Dindigul (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 624202. Have Changed My Name (OLD NAME) LOGANATHAN R to (NEW NAME) R LOGANATHAN Vide Affidavit Dated 13.01.2025 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) PALINA APPALASWAMY, Father of NO.16120439X, HAV, PALINA MANMADHA RAO, Residing at Godsilam (Vill), Borudhadra (Post), Santhabommali (Tehsil), Srikulam (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 532195, Have Changed My Name to (NEW NAME) PALINA APPALASWAMY And DOB from 18.05.1946 to 01.01.1957 Vide Affidavit Dated 30.11.2024 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, ASHISH BHANGAY, S/o Sri Madhukar Bhangay, age 47 years, R/at No. 1071, Prestige Kensington Gardens, 17 HMT Main Road, Opp. HMT Watch Factory, Jalahalli, Bangalore-560 013 do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from ANGAD ASHISH BHANGAY to ANGAD KAUL BHANGAY, henceforth he shall be known and called as ANGAD KAUL BHANGAY for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 13-01-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary S. PRAKASH at Bangalore.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, BRUNDA AMRUTHRAJ (new name) previously called BRUNDA AMRUTHRAJ ANNAMARY (old name), aged about 64 years, W/o Dr. Murali Thyloth, R/at Flat No.503, Brigade Lakeview Apartments, 41st Main, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 068. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from 'BRUNDA AMRUTHRAJ ANNAMARY' to 'BRUNDA AMRUTHRAJ', vide Affidavit dated 13.01.2025, Sworn before Advocate and Notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, PREETHI, residing at # 100/12-1, 13th Cross, Venkatapura, Koramangala 1st Block, Bangalore-560034, have changed my name to ANANYA CHOUGALE vide affidavit dated: 15.01.2025 sworn before advocate and notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bengaluru.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, NISHCHITHA RAMESH R/at No.2, 12th Main, 2nd Cross, Near Om Sri Residency, Balaji Nagar, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru- 560061 have changed my name to NISHCHITHA JASHWANTH vide affidavit dated: 15/1/2025 Before Notary Sivakumara.M.N Bangalore.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I UMAPATHI SANTEBENNUR MATTADA KOTRABASAIAANAVARU, Residing at: # 93, Soundarya Layout, Nagasandra Post, Hesaragatta Main Road, Bengaluru-560073. Today at Hubli, have changed my name from SANTEBENNUR MATADA KOTRAIAHNAVARU UMUPATHI (old Name) To UMUPATHI SANTEBENNUR MATTADA KOTRABASAIAANAVARU, (New Name) vide Affidavit sworn before Notary Patil V.H, Date: 08.01.2025.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, VIJAY KUMAR GABBADI MALLESH, S/o Malesh Gabbadi Puttegowda, age 43 years, R/at Old Gabbadi Village, Kaggalhalli Post, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramnagar Dist-562 112, presently at Bengaluru City, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from VIJAYAKUMAR G M to VIJAY KUMAR GABBADI MALLESH, henceforth I shall be known and called as VIJAY KUMAR GABBADI MALLESH for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 13th January 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary GANGARAJU .B.N at Bangalore.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, KAVITHA MAHANTESH B, W/o Mahantesh Hullur, Aged about 47 years, residing at no.91, Prasidhi Park Vista, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Yelhanka Tq. Adde, Vishwanathapura, Arakere, Bengaluru-561203, I have changed my name from (Old Name) "Kavitha Mahantesh" to (New Name) "Kavitha Mahantesh.B". Henceforth, I would like to continue my name as "Kavitha Mahantesh.B" in my all future documents. Vide affidavit dated 13.01.2025 sworn before VEENA. K, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

## AFFIDAVIT

I, No. JC-414881H, NB SUB-SHEESH RAM, Aged about 44 years, S/o. Mohar Singh, Resident at Mundi Bari, Mundi Tal, Churu, Rajasthan 331023, today at Bangalore, do hereby declare that my mother's RATANI was born on 01.01.1969 at above said address. That in my army service records my mother's name have been wrongly mentioned as RATANI DEVI instead of RATANI which is my mother's correct name as per her Aadhar Card. Vide affidavit dated 15.01.2025 sworn to before Fahim Unnisa, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, FARIDA BANU W/o Mohammed Khaleel Ulla Mohamed Abdulla Holder of Passport No: M576206 R/at No.80, St.Johns Church Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru- 560005 have changed my name to FAREEDA BANU SHAIK vide affidavit dated: 15/1/2025 Before Notary A.Gerard Bangalore.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, NIKHIL SHAMPUR, S/o. Venugopal Shampur, Age 42 years, residing at No. 18, New High School Road, V.V. Puram, Bengaluru 560004, have changed my name from NIKHIL to NIKHIL SHAMPUR vide Affidavit dated 13-01-2025 sworn before advocate and notary R. Basavaraja, Bangalore

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, RABIA MOHAMED KHALEELULLA W/o AASIM SHERIFF SHAIK YACUB ANVER SHERIFF Holder of Passport No: M6193881 R/at No.80, St Johns Church Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru- 560005 have changed my name to RABIA vide affidavit dated: 15/1/2025 Before Notary A.Gerard Bangalore.

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Thank you for blessings and favours granted. Seek your blessings always.

**NARESH, SHOBA, PUNIT**

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Dinakar Thoogudeepa along with the crew on the sets of Royal



A still from the film



## 'DINAKAR THOOGUDEEPA INITIALLY WANTED TO CAST ME IN NAVAGRAHA'

A SHARADHAA

**R**ECTOR Raghu Mukherjee, known for his memorable role in *Savari*, has carved a niche for himself with his versatility. His previous outing in a negative role in *Inspector Vikram*, starring Prajwal Devaraj, caught the attention of Dinakar Thoogudeepa, leading to an intriguing collaboration for their latest film, *Royal*, starring Virat and Sanjana, which is slated for release on January 24.

When asked if playing antagonists marks a new phase for him, Raghu quips, "Please don't label me as a villain. My next film has me playing a hero. I took on the antagonist role in *Royal* because the story demanded it. It's not about being a conventional villain—it's about being part of a well-written narrative. The character in *Royal* isn't your typical negative shade; it's nuanced, and that's what drew me to it. Besides, Dinu (Dinakar) is an old friend, which made this even more special."

Raghu shares that his association with Dinakar and Jayanna Films was long overdue. "Dinakar initially wanted to cast me in *Navagraha*, but I was already committed to *Savari* at the time. Later, I was supposed to work in *Paramathma* starring Puneeth Rajkumar under Jayanna Films production, but that didn't materialise either. Now, with *Royal*, I'm finally working with both. It feels like everything has come full circle."

Raghu's role in *Royal* is as

layered as the film itself. He explains, "I play a millionaire—a self-made businessman who is building his empire in his own unique way. He's a man of conviction, living life on his terms, until his world is disrupted. The first half of the film is very tightly written, while the second half takes a different turn. Dinakar tailored this role specifically for me, making it unique," he explains.

Reflecting on the changing nature of cinema and audience's consumption, Raghu says, "The audience today is so mature. We, as actors, have the freedom to explore unconventional and varied roles. It's an exciting time for movies."

Speaking about his working experience with Dinakar, Raghu says, "Dinu is a fantastic commercial filmmaker who understands the audience's pulse. For *Royal*, he brought in writer Raghu Niduvalli to ensure I connected with the character. On set, Dinakar is a workaholic and deeply passionate about his craft. The camaraderie he creates on set is amazing, and that energy will reflect on screen," he shares.

With *Royal* set for release, Raghu is already gearing up for *Dantakathe* which he plans to wrap up soon, and will soon begin shooting for his second Telugu project. "There's so much more to explore as an actor, and I'm excited for what lies ahead," he signs off.



... says Raghu Mukherjee, as he discusses his first collaboration with director Dinakar and Jayanna Films, stepping into a new shade of characters, his working experience in *Royal*, and more



## Donald Petrie to direct *The Last Resort*

CE FEATURES

**D**ONALD Petrie is attached to direct a rom-com film set in the Philippines, titled *The Last Resort*, according to a Variety report. Based on a screenplay by Legally Blonde fame Karen McCullah, the film revolves around a female executive who goes to the Philippines as part of scouting a resort location for her hotel. She gets enamoured by the stunning beauty of the Philippines and the warm attitude of its people. In the country, she meets a charming charter pilot named Ben.

An actor is yet to join the film, and with casting director Sheila Jaffe onboard, casting is underway with the makers planning to commence production in early 2025. Raja Collins and Ernesto Sta. Maria Jr. are producing the film.

Petrie is known for his work in the romantic-comedy genre, including titles such as *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days*, *Mystic Pizza*, and *Miss Congeniality*.

## Mia McKenna-Bruce to star in *The Cry Of The Guards*

CE FEATURES

**M**IA McKenna-Bruce has replaced Riley Keough in filmmaker Claire Denis's upcoming feature *The Cry Of The Guards*. She is set to start principal photography for the film in Senegal next week. The existing cast includes Isaach De Bankolé and Matt Dillon. Earlier known as *The Fence*, the film is described as an "intense drama" that follows four protagonists, comprising a woman and three men. McKenna-Bruce plays the woman,

whose partner and others find themselves at the heart of the story involving a person who appears in their sub-Saharan nation asking for the body of his sibling, presumed dead in a mishap.

There is discussion about the makers changing the title back to *The Fence*. The film takes Denis back to the continent in which she spent a good part of her childhood. Keough was in line to star in the project even in December last year. The makers are yet to clarify why she is no longer part of it.



## *One Piece* live action series adds to cast



CE FEATURES

**N**ETFLIX has added three new actors to the cast of *One Piece* season 2: Sophia Anne Caruso as Miss Goldenweek, Anton David Jefftha as KM, and Mark Penwill as Chess. They are cast in recurring roles and in the announcement, the makers describe the

characters as "masters of chaos." They join returning actors Inaki Godoy (Monkey D Luffy), Emily Rudd (Nami), Mackenyu (Zoro), Taz Skylar (Sanji), Jacob Romero (Usopp), Ilia Isoirelys Paulino (Alvida), Michael Dorman (Gold Roger), and Jeff Ward (Buggy).

The other previously revealed new additions to the

cast include Charithra Chandran (Miss Wednesday), Katey Sagal (Dr Kureha), Joe Manganiello (Mr 0), Lera Abova (Miss All Sunday), Mark Harelik (Dr Hiriluk), Brendan Sean Murray (Brogy), Sendhil Ramamurthy (Nefertari Cobra), Callum Kerr (Smoker), Camrus Johnson (Mr 5), Daniel Lasker (Mr 9), Clive Russell (Crocus), David Dastmalchian (Mr 3), Rob Colletti (Wapol), Jazzara Jaslyn (Miss Valentine), Ty Keogh (Dalton), Werner Coetser (Dorry), and Julia Rehwald (Tashigi).

*One Piece* follows the Straw Hat Pirates and their adventures. Production on the second season was wrapped in December last year, and the makers are expected to release it later this year.

## 45 sets Independence Day ablaze with innovative release date announcement

CE FEATURES

**T**HE much-talked-about film *45* is slated to be released on Independence Day, August 15. An innovative 3D video revealed the official date.

Breaking away from the norm, the team, led by director Arjun Janya, unveiled the release date in a visually striking clip. Featuring Shivarajkumar in a stylish avatar, riding a weaponised scooter and taking down attackers, the video climaxes with an explosive reveal of the release date alongside the lead actors' faces.

Sharing his excitement, Shivarajkumar, who is currently recovering in Miami, said, "This is my first collaboration with Upendra and Raj B Shetty. Arjun has done wonders, and MARZ VFX studio has raised the bar for Kannada cinema."

The announcement event, attended by notable dignitaries and industry stalwarts, highlighted the ambitious efforts that went behind creating *45*. Producer Ramesh Reddy stated, "The story demanded a significant investment, and I believe the audience will appreciate the result."

Director Arjun Janya ex-

pressed his gratitude, calling it a dream debut with a star-studded cast and international VFX expertise.



Upendra, Ramesh Reddy and Raj B Shetty

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Actors Upendra and Raj B Shetty echoed their anticipation, with Upendra calling the event "a celebration" and Raj describing the project as "a dream collaboration."

*45*, a multilingual release under Suraj Productions, promises a cinematic spectacle and will be released in Kannada, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, and Hindi.



Shivarajkumar



## #ParuParvathy introduces a unique fourth character: A high-end cross model car

THE TEAM ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE FILM IS SLATED TO RELEASE ON JANUARY 31

CE FEATURES

**T**HE upcoming travel adventure drama *#Paru Parvathy*, starring former Bigg Boss contestant and actor Deepika Das, directed by Rohit Keerthy, unveiled its fourth key character—a high-end ISUZU V Cross model car. Along with this revelation, the team also announced the release date as January 31.

"This car isn't just a prop; it is one of the lead characters," shared director Rohit Keerthy. The specially designed ISUZU, valued at ₹20 lakhs, traveled over 1.1 lakh kilometers across eight states, from Bengaluru's Uttarahalli to Uttarakhand, making it integral to the film's narrative.

Apart from Deepika, who plays an independent influencer, the cast also includes Poonam Srinayak and Fawaz Ashraf in pivotal roles. "This journey-based film explores emotions, culture, and undiscovered places. It's entertaining, informative, and deeply connects with audiences," explained Deepika. "The car's journey reflects the essence of the film," noted Rohit Keerthy.

With nine songs composed by R Hari and breathtaking visuals by cinematographer Abin Rajesh, *#ParuParvathy* blends adventure and emotion. Producer PB Premnath, who is bankrolling this project under Eighteen Thirty Six Pictures, expressed his passion for elevating Kannada cinema, stating that this was his dream come true.



Deepika Das